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'We are one of the few nations on earth who have the military capability to help in Zaire'

Troops will be allowed to use force

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
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BRITISH troops sent to Zaire to ease the plight of more than a million starving refugees will be able to shoot their way out of trouble if they are intercepted by the Hutu militias, MPs were told yesterday.

Amid fears that the death toll could rise to 20,000 a day in Zairean refugee camps by next week, Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, told the Commons that if the objective was to reach the starving and if people stood in the way "then those people must be prepared to face the consequences of their action".

The 1st Battalion Parachute Regiment and 45 Commando Royal Marines, the lead elements of the new Joint Rapid Deployment Force, were put on 72 hours' notice to leave for Zaire.

As Tutsi rebels continued fighting against Hutu militia in eastern Zaire yesterday, Mr Portillo admitted in the Commons that he had reservations about sending troops to the central African war zone.

Today a 37-strong reconnaissance party, led by Royal Marines Brigadier Jonathan Thomson, commander of the Joint Rapid Deployment Force, will leave from RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire to carry out a three-day survey to help define the size of Britain's contribution.

However, Mr Portillo indicated that it was likely to be a battalion (about 600) with additional support units, including engineers, signals and medical teams, increasing the size of the force to between 1,000 and 1,500, or even more if the reconnaissance party urges a larger contingent.

Mr Portillo said the most important factor would be to ensure they were "sufficiently well equipped and armed and there in sufficient numbers to be able to look after themselves and be able to do a good job in saving human life".

His assurance that the troops would be adequately armed to defend themselves came after both he and the

Portillo: four-month limit on British tour

Prime Minister told MPs that Britain, along with other Western governments, had a moral obligation to try to alleviate the suffering.

Facing strong misgivings about the mission among Conservative MPs, as well as among several ministers and military advisers, Mr Portillo said it would be rightly asked why Britain should become involved in a place far from home and where there was no vital national interest.

The answer was because Britain was a civilised nation, he said. "We can see people about to die in their thousands, and we are one of the few nations on earth who have the military capability to help at least some of them," he told MPs.

He said the mission of the international force would be limited to about four months, after which the operation would be handed over to African nations.

Mr Portillo said he had an open mind about whether the mission should include disarming the militia, admitting that "if we leave in four months and the militia is still armed, people will starve next year".

He added: "There isn't a person in this House who isn't worried and who doesn't have reservations. This is a worrying situation and one must have reservations about what we're getting into here, but the compelling case for getting assistance to these people who are about to starve is what is guiding us."

John Major told the Commons that the situation on the ground was complex, the terrain was very tough and there was no clear ceasefire between Tutsi rebels and their Hutu foes.

"So before sending British troops we need to be absolutely clear about what they are being asked to do in detail and the conditions under which they will operate," he said.

The multinational force will be operating under Chapter 7 of the United Nations charter which provides more "robust" rules of engagement for peace enforcement, allowing them to do more to protect themselves and to secure the mission.

The Royal Marine commandos have armoured tracked BV206 vehicles but the paratroopers are only lightly armed. However, the Joint Rapid Deployment Force which consists of 5 Airborne Brigade and 3 Commando Brigade, also has the use of armoured Scimitars equipped with 30mm cannon.

In the Lords, Earl Howe, a junior Defence Minister, said the multinational force could be ready to move to Zaire within a week or two, although he conceded this could be over-optimistic.

Earl Howe said: "It's not part of our objective to be sucked into someone else's war."

"These aren't socks — I'm knitting a mosquito net"

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PETER ANDREWS/REUTER

Refugees from disease and battle arrive in the port of Goma. Tens of thousands of people are fleeing the fighting between Tutsis and Hutus

The horror that will lead to broken hearts

Sam Kiley, reporting from Goma, assesses the grim conditions awaiting British troops in a beautiful region scarred by satanic violence

THE eyes were swollen like ping-pong balls. The skin was peeling away around them. By the waves of Lake Kivu I stared down at a bearded man of about 35. He had been garrotted, a rope dug into the flesh of his neck, his head bashed in, his arms tied behind his back, his legs folded and stuffed into a sack.

The hardest hearts of paratroopers can be broken by the satanic violence of the Great Lakes region's cheerful and friendly people. The only thing systematic here is that violence — and the spread of disease. British troops will be struck dumb by the beauty of the Great Lakes. Then the sickness will strike them down. Then they will leave, thinking of the Nyarogongo volcano beside Goma not as a natural wonder, but as a hideous tropical ulcer on the face of Africa.

The weather is not so much oppressive as designed to break the body. One moment it is searing heat, the next driving rain. Cholera, cerebral malaria and dysentery and a host of unknown infections like the one in my eyes, are endemic here. When British soldiers are sent into the Hutu camps they will have to wear face masks. If cholera has broken out they will have to steel themselves to the sight of more corpses than they have ever seen before, of living children sitting on dead mothers, of mothers tossing their dead toddlers into ditches like litter.

Our poor soldiers will have a United Nations mandate which, I can safely predict, will be weak and muddled. A real role would be to go into the Hutu camps to separate the Interahamwe — those who kill together — from Hutu civilians. The guilty monsters here are those who, not satisfied with the genocide of Rwandan Tutsis in 1994, now hold their own families hostage and kill anyone who shows an inclination to go home. But British soldiers will be asked by the UN to drive food and fresh water into the camps, to give succour to Hutu extremists who will live on to kill.

The paras will laugh when they meet the Mai Mai. These tribesmen, in monkey skins and coated with white paint, wave their penises at their enemies and think they are bullet proof. They have joined east Zaire's rebels and have blocked the Hutus of Mugunga camp from fleeing deeper into Zaire.

British soldiers will be impressed by the rebels' front line units. Former members of the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front these are iron disciplined troops who drove the Interahamwe out of Rwanda and are now hunting them down in Zaire.

British officers who meet Hutu leaders will be impressed with their sophistication. Multilingual graduates with a genius for administration do not come across as genocidal madmen. But that is what many of them are. Our officers will not know whether their own translators have blood on their hands or, by some slim chance, are among the innocent.

"Aren't some of these people killers, boss?" the officers will be asked. "Not all of them Corporal Jones. Now carry on handing out the biscuits," will be the reply.

Both men will be left asking why. The reason why is that when the Hutus fled Rwanda in 1994 Britain and other leading countries turned a deaf ear to the UN's case for a military force to police the camps and disarm the killers. Instead £1.5 million was spent fattening them up in refugee camps the size of Eastbourne. The horrors now unfolding were predicted then and are coming to pass.

The misery of millions could have been avoided if the UN had sent soldiers to Rwanda to stop an obvious genocide and later sorted the guilty from the innocent when the Hutus fled to Goma the same year. Military intervention now is a crazy idea. East Zaire's rebels should be left to sort out the refugees.

When they call for volunteers, Corporal Jones, take one step back.

Dickensian gibe

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Major calms fears over freak inflation

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR, AND JANET BUSH

JOHN MAJOR tried to dismiss Conservative worries over inflation yesterday by insisting that an unexpected surge last month, taking the headline rate from 2.1 to 2.7 per cent, was a statistical aberration.

The increase seems certain to put pressure on Kenneth Clarke to increase interest rates again next month.

It also raised questions over the Chancellor's ability to hit his inflation target of 2.5 per cent by the general election, due before mid-May next year.

But, during a Commons clash with Tony Blair, the Prime Minister said that the year-on-year figure for last month looked "artificially high" because in October 1995 there had been an exceptional one-month fall.

He added that over the months ahead the position would be corrected and assured MPs: "We expect to meet our target."

The Labour leader told Mr Major that on interest rates and inflation Britain was now eleventh out of 15 in Europe.

Yesterday's figures put the underlying rate of inflation, excluding mortgage interest payments, at 3.3 per cent, a rise from 2.9 per cent.

That is the highest rate for three years and the largest rise in the annual rate for more than six years.

Nevertheless, the City was disappointed and believed the Bank of England will have strong ammunition to try to force the Chancellor into another rate rise at the next monetary policy meeting — on December 11.

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Poll shows most oppose basic tax cut

BY PETER RIDDELL

A MAJORITY of the public, including Tory supporters and the better-off, believe that Kenneth Clarke should not cut the basic rate of income tax in the Budget on November 26, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*.

The poll, undertaken last weekend, suggests that Mr Clarke's campaign to lower expectations about the Budget has worked. His own approval rating is also the highest of his period as Chancellor.

Half the public opposes a 1p reduction in the basic rate in the Budget, while less than two-fifths favour a cut. Opposition to a tax cut is highest among the better-off.

The only groups backing a tax cut in the Budget are those at the bottom end of the income scale.

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Dons defend their seven-week term

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

CAMBRIDGE dons were accused of putting Tuscany before trigonometry last night, when they decisively rejected a proposal to add a week to the university's famously short summer term.

The university council had recommended an extension of the seven-week term to give students more time for revision before examinations. Opponents argued that academics would lose research time and colleges valuable conference income if the change went ahead.

When the votes were counted after a two-week campaign, little more than half the academic and senior administrative staff had taken part in the ballot. But the verdict was a clear endorsement of the status quo, by 983 votes to 630.

Neil McInnes, the academic affairs officer of the students' union, said: "It is a great shame that the backwoodsmen in the colleges did not listen to the university authorities. Students desperately need a revision week: on some courses they have less than 48 hours between their last lecture and the first examination."

Cynical students have long insisted that academics were anxious that nothing should delay their summer migration to holiday villas in Tuscany. Cambridge's academic year is 23 weeks, compared with 30 in most British universities.

In urging academics to accept three eight-week terms, the university council said undergraduates had to work under "exceptional pressure" because the year was compressed into a shorter period than at almost any other university.

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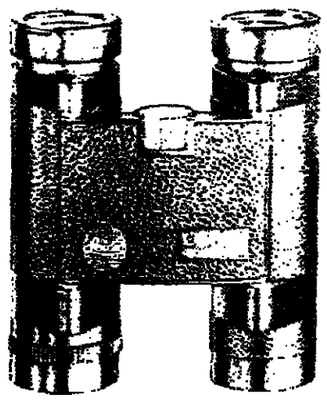

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Commander Portillo shows gallantry under fire

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Most of us are never more impressive than when we are not trying to impress. Getting on with his job, a Minister is more likely to appear promotable than when noisily angling for another one.

Michael Portillo came to the House yesterday to make a statement on his plans for British military assistance in Zaire. He spoke with quiet authority and answered questions, some very sharp, with conspicuous competence.

His statement, unpretentiously well-written, carried a stature which his party conference bombast never attains. In response to doubt or inquiry from his own side, Mr Portillo's poise and grasp were notable. His workmanlike performance yesterday reminded us of his talents, and demonstrated how impressive he can be, when not playing leadership games. The less Portillo pushes himself forward, the more he recommends himself.

Michael Stephen (C, Shoreham), confident that the British Tommy could deal with anything the Hutu militia might throw at him, did not quite say that these fuzzy-wuzzies were sure to scarper at the first whiff of grapeshot, but that was the implication. "They don't 'ave bows'n'arrows these days, you know," growled Dennis Skinner (Lab, Bolsover).

Mr Stephen's implied opinion of the Zaire catastrophe (sure of support in the saloon bar of the *Royal Coach* in Shoreham) was that, having kicked out their colonial masters, Africans had this sort of thing coming. That'll teach 'em. Replying to the former guards officer, Portillo remembered the Parliamentary courtesies, calling Stephen "My Honourable and Gallant Friend". Canny.

John Townend (C, Bridlington) has the generous charm of a Yorkshire gravel-pit owner. He wanted assurances that the cost of the Zaire operation would be deducted from our regular overseas aid budget rather than the contingency reserve. To Mr Townend (a director of J Townend & Sons — winemerchants and hoteliers) a million people dying in the African forest is not a contingency. Catastrophe would be a Budget hike in excise duties on alcohol next week.

At Prime Minister's Questions beforehand, onlookers had noted that John Major seems to be on some kind of a roll. In cold print in *Hansard* today his words may appear to carry no more confidence than usual; but to take in the atmosphere in the Chamber has been to note that, all week, the Force has been with him. So relaxed was Major in his replies, that he did something I have never heard him do in six years of PM's Questions: he laughed spontaneously during a reply to Paddy Ashdown. "That's just ... *bizarre!*" he said. "Just off the wall!" This delighted Major's side, who observe his idiom travelling steadily forward from the 1960s and now well within sight of the 1980s.

Frustrated at the way Labour's arrows seemed to be bouncing off the Prime Minister's tin helmet, Tony Blair took to raising a single, extended forefinger above his head, and waving it like a Hellfire preacher as he ranted. On the Tory side, David Shaw (Dover), raised both his forefingers in mockery, apeing the Labour Leader.

Mr Shaw plays, by turns, the naughtiest boy in the school and the classroom sneak. Both versions infuriate Madam Speaker, in whose eyes he risks becoming the child who has only to speak to get right up Teacher's nose. "This barracking has got to stop," cried an infurated Betty Boothroyd. The day cannot be far off when Miss Boothroyd abandons her familiar homily and, in the manner of Joyce Grenfell, icily declares: "David! Stop *doing* that."

Dickensian times evoked in 48-hour week row

Santer turns on Britain with sweatshop era gibe

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

BRITISH resistance to an EU directive on working hours suggests a return to the sweatshops of Dickensian times, Jacques Santer, president of the EU Commission, said yesterday.

However, Mr Santer's literary gibe at Britain's fight against the 48-hour directive was undermined by a report yesterday from his own executive that blamed heavy labour regulation for contributing to Europe's high level of unemployment.

Brussels' anger over London's latest feud with the EU shone through a speech in which Mr Santer made an unusually sharp dig at Britain both over the working time directive and its handling of the BSE affair. The row erupted on Tuesday when the European Court of Justice rejected Britain's challenge to the directive, which enforces a maximum 48-hour week and minimum paid holidays, and the Government promised a campaign for a treaty change to annul its effect.

Mr Santer questioned whether "those who seem to say the less social regulation, the better it is for competitivity . . . mean no regulation at all".

He added: "We need more flexible labour markets but not a return to the Dickensian sweat shops of the 19th century."

This week Mr Santer rejected John Major's complaints and told Britain to enact the legislation by the November 23 deadline. His resort to Dickens echoed commentary around Europe this week after a court verdict hailed as a blow for "the European Social model" against the evils of unfettered capitalism. Dickens is a standard reference for Victorian misery on the Continent, where his novels are still taught in schools. Mr Santer did not cite Britain by name in his speech to an assembly of retailers, but there was no doubt about his target.

The former Luxembourg Prime Minister also talked of "the recent BSE tragedy" He said: "I regret that not all our member states have acted with the goodwill we have — gnawing at political point-scoring instead of admitting their basic responsibility. The European Commission did not create BSE. Nor the BSE crisis."

Europe's quandary over its attempts to preserve "social protection" for workers was eloquently demonstrated by the publication of an internal Commission report on Europe's struggle to compete with in the world.

The Commission's Social Affairs chief, Padraig Flynn, won a battle last week to have the industry directorate dilute a section of the study paper dealing with the negative effects of Europe's heavily regulated economy. However, the new version still noted that "member states with more regulated labour markets have somewhat lower levels of employment than countries with less regulated markets".

The paper cited Europe's well-known burden of high labour costs compared with its main competitors but it skated around the working-time argument. Although Europeans worked far shorter hours than Japanese or Americans, this was not "important" in causing inflexibility. Europe's problem stemmed from obstacles to work at night and weekends, which meant that factories were underused and many shops and services were open only during working hours.

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EMU moves will destroy Tory party, says Tebbit

LORD TEBBIT gave a warning to John Major last night that a move towards monetary union would destroy the Conservative Party.

In his most scathing criticism of the stance on the single currency, the former party chairman told the *Prime Minister he must* make opposition to it a key *election issue to prevent* Britain being made into a "provincial assembly" of Europe.

"An attempt by a Conservative Government to shackle this country into a monetary union . . . would not just split the current Conservative Party. It would destroy it." Tories who "believe freedom, independence and democracy matter above all other political programmes" would leave to join other parties, he *told the right-wing* Conservative 2000 group.

***Ministers came under* cross-party criticism last night after blocking moves for a Commons debate on plans for a single currency.**

ADAM BUTLER/PA

Brenda Davies, who said that she had received 250 letters of support from the public

Final warning for teacher who let boy smack bullies

A TEACHER who allowed a five-year-old victim of bullying to smack his six tormentors on the hand with a ruler was given a final written warning at a disciplinary hearing yesterday (Kathryn Knight writes).

Brenda Davies, a teacher for 27 years, was called to explain her actions to Graeme Russell, her head teacher at Tennyson Primary school in Luton, and an official from Bedfordshire County Council.

After the hearing Mrs Davies, 48, a mother of two, said she did not regret her actions. "I have had a lot of public support from all over the country, and even from America. I have got letters telling me not to be bullied, and not to leave the teaching profession. I've got 250 letters at home from people who say what I did was pure common sense."

Mrs Davies, of Stevenage, Hertfordshire, said she had told the headmaster that she had not encouraged corporal punishment but had encouraged the boy, Joe Middleton, to stand up against bullying in line with school policy.

"The children felt safer as a result of my action. I don't regret what I did, I believe what I did was right." She added that she had not told the boy to slap the others with the ruler: "I gave him the choice, and he took it."

After the incident last month, Mrs Davies wrote a letter to Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, asking for her support. "I am in the dock for trying to put into operation the very things you say you want: order and discipline in the classroom. Empower me and teachers like me to get on with our job," the letter said.

McGuinness sets out Sinn Fein terms for asking IRA to restore ceasefire

BY NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE leading Sinn Fein member Martin McGuinness made clear last night that the IRA would restore its ceasefire if Britain granted certain concessions to his party.

In a speech in Tralee, Co Kerry, Mr McGuinness called for:

☐ A clear timeframe for the multiparty talks;

☐ The removal of preconditions to Sinn Fein's entry into the talks, including the demand for the IRA to disarm during the negotiations;

☐ "Confidence-building measures" to make clear that Northern Ireland will be fundamentally reformed, including changes to the RUC and the judicial system and the early release of terrorist prisoners.

Mr McGuinness strongly hinted that Sinn Fein was prepared to ask the IRA to restore its ceasefire if ministers accept his demands. He said: "Sinn Fein cannot deliver anything unless the British Government makes clear that there is to be a credible process of talks, without preconditions, on a broadly acceptable time-frame.

"In short, it must be made clear that the British Government will not treat any new IRA cessation in the same way it treated the last one."

His speech last night came amid intensive efforts by Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, and John Hume, the leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, to put pressure on Britain agree to Sinn Fein's demands.

John Major has made clear that Sinn Fein could only join the multi-party talks if the IRA renewed its ceasefire and then showed its unambiguous commitment to peace. The IRA would also have to decommission some of its weapons during the talks. However, Mr McGuinness struck a more conciliatory note on the arms issue.

☐ A man who sought sanctuary in a cathedral after being ordered out of Northern Ireland by the IRA last year has been beaten by a republican gang in Londonderry after returning to the city on honeymoon. Ciaran Collins, 36, was beaten by a masked gang armed with baseball bats and a pool cue as he enjoyed a drink with his brother in a bar on Wednesday night. He sustained a broken elbow, hands, kneecap and other fractures.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Camelot defends £7m held in interest

Camelot, the National Lottery operator, yesterday defended its decision to retain £7 million in interest on prizes, amid continuing criticism of Peter Davis, the lottery regulator. MPs reiterated calls for Camelot's accounts to be thrown open for inspection.

The company said it paid over 48 per cent of lottery funds in prizes last year against a payout target of 50.65 per cent. After tax, this left it holding £2.9 million in interest. *It argued that it* retained interest because it *had to pay up out of its own* pocket if prize payout exceeded its targets.

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Royal assistant

The Prince of Wales has appointed a new personal assistant to arrange his diary of unofficial engagements, including holidays. Phyllida Dare, 53, who is married with *three grown-up children*, will share her duties with Tiggy Legge-Bourke, 30, the Prince's other personal assistant.

Gun decision

John Major told parents of three Dunblane victims during a 40-minute meeting that he will not bow to their demands for a free vote by MPs *on a total ban on handguns.* He made it clear that Tory MPs would be expected to follow the government line in *next week's vote on proposals* to ban most handguns.

Artist's progress

William Blake's drawings for *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan were acquired by an anonymous British collector at Sotheby's in London yesterday. The 28 watercolours were bought for an undisclosed price after auction bidding stopped at £210,000. The pre-sale estimate was about £260,000.

Dean's victory

The Dean of Lincoln, the Very Rev Brandon Jackson, won another victory yesterday when a judge rejected an attempt by Verity Freestone, the former verger, to sue him for damages. Miss Freestone, 33, brought the civil action against Dr Jackson, 61, after *alleging that he had an affair* with her.

Club cleared

The National Sporting Club has received apologies from Scotland Yard and the Football Association over suspicions of ticket touting in the run-up to Euro 96. Two people were arrested in a raid on its headquarters but the club said that it had been authorised to sell hospitality packages.

Eyes on history

A pair of Zeiss marine binoculars, a souvenir from the Battle of the River Plate in December 1939, were sold at auction in London for £25,300 to an anonymous buyer. Hans Langsdorff, captain of the *Admiral Graf Spee*, used them to pay for repairs while the pocket battleship was in Montevideo.

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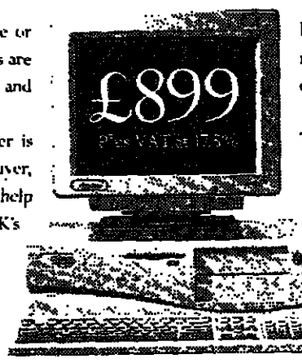

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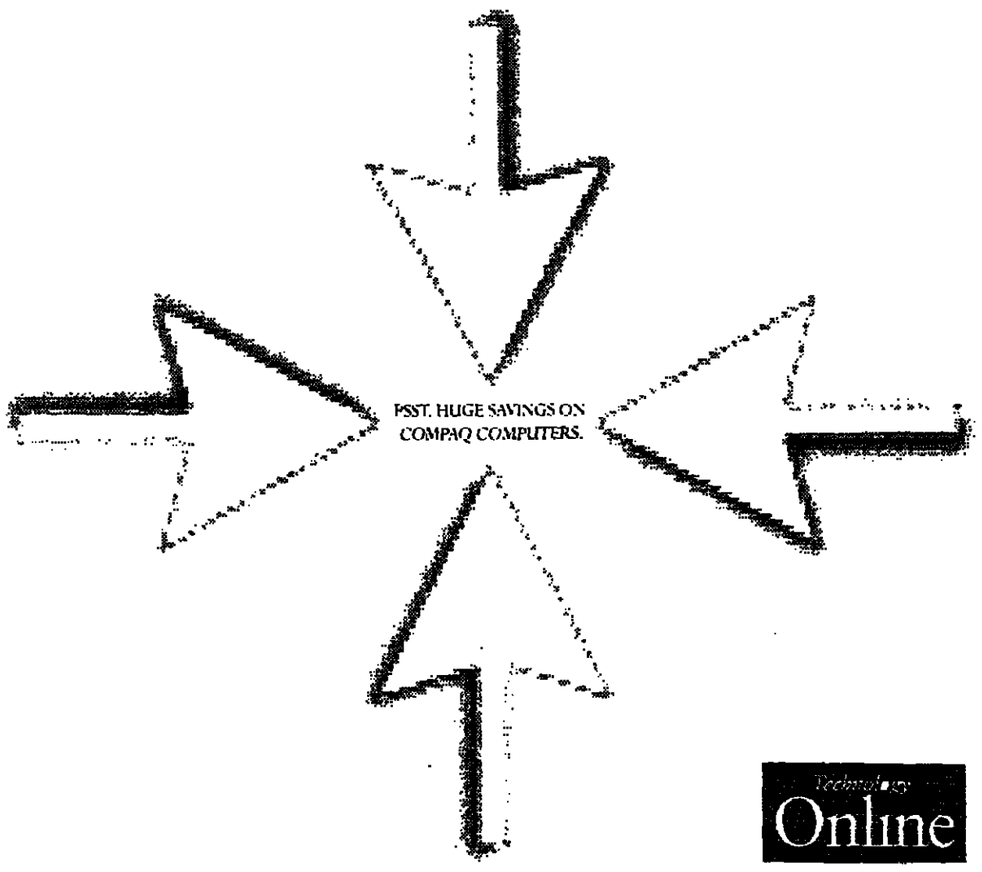

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US media sees chat-show publicity blitz as 'Britain's most unwelcome export since mad cow disease'

America sticks the knife into the Duchess of Talk

By Quentin Letts in New York and Emma Wilkins

THE Duchess of York hit a cold Manhattan yesterday on the latest leg of a self-publicity tour, only to be told that she was "Britain's most unwelcome export since mad cow disease".

It was not only winter's first snow flurries that chilled the air. The local media suddenly wearied of her, failing to show any gratitude for the duchess's statement this week that she loves America and wants to live there.

The duchess, who is touring the United States to promote a book and rebuild her reputation, wore a skirt slit to the thigh as she swept into a Fifth Avenue bookshop to sign copies of her children's story. At the same time, a television network was debating "Is Fergie a royal pain?" and the *New York Post* was carrying a vitriolic attack headlined "America, it's time to dump royal pain Fergie".

"Someone ought to tell Fergie that America no longer needs foreign royalty," it thundered. "Change the Channel. Don't buy her tell-all book."

The Duke of York's former wife crossed the Atlantic apparently believing that it would do her good to adopt the American habits of public self-analysis and soul-baring. She has appeared before the grand queens of broadcasting, Oprah Winfrey and Diane Sawyer and engaged in the dubious practice of seeking to shrive herself on the shimmering small screen to tens of millions of Americans. Yesterday's barrage suggested that the scheme was a failure.

Her friend-turned-enemy, Allan Starkie, was in New York at the same time, hawking his sordid version of the Fergie story. Dr Starkie, from Long Island, offered poisonous indiscretions that threatened to tarnish further the duchess's name.

None of it boded well for the final negotiations she is conducting with Weight Watchers, the dieting organisation, for which she hopes to become a front woman in exchange for $1 million.

The duchess's desire to present herself as an ordinary Joan with human failings have made it an embarrassment to be a Briton abroad. Interrogated by Diane Sawyer on the nationwide ABC network, the duchess threw her face into contortions of suffering as she described her life at Buckingham Palace.

Throughout her meanderings she has praised the conduct of the Duke of York. For all the good intentions, however, the result has still been negative. Reporters concentrated merely on her denial that the Duke was homosexual, and portrayed the Queen's second son as little more than a dullard who watches too much television.

My Story: the tell-all book by the Duchess

Amid the ghastly circus, however, one possible boon presented itself yesterday. The *New York Post* polemicist Andrea Peyser, made such a robust attack on "former royals who would sell out Buckingham Palace for a buck" that it is possible the monarchy may yet benefit, simply by being the betrayed institution.

In Britain, in an interview on Radio 4's *Today* programme yesterday, the duchess pointedly avoided a question about her fidelity to her husband during their marriage. She said that the issue was "not relevant" to the interview.

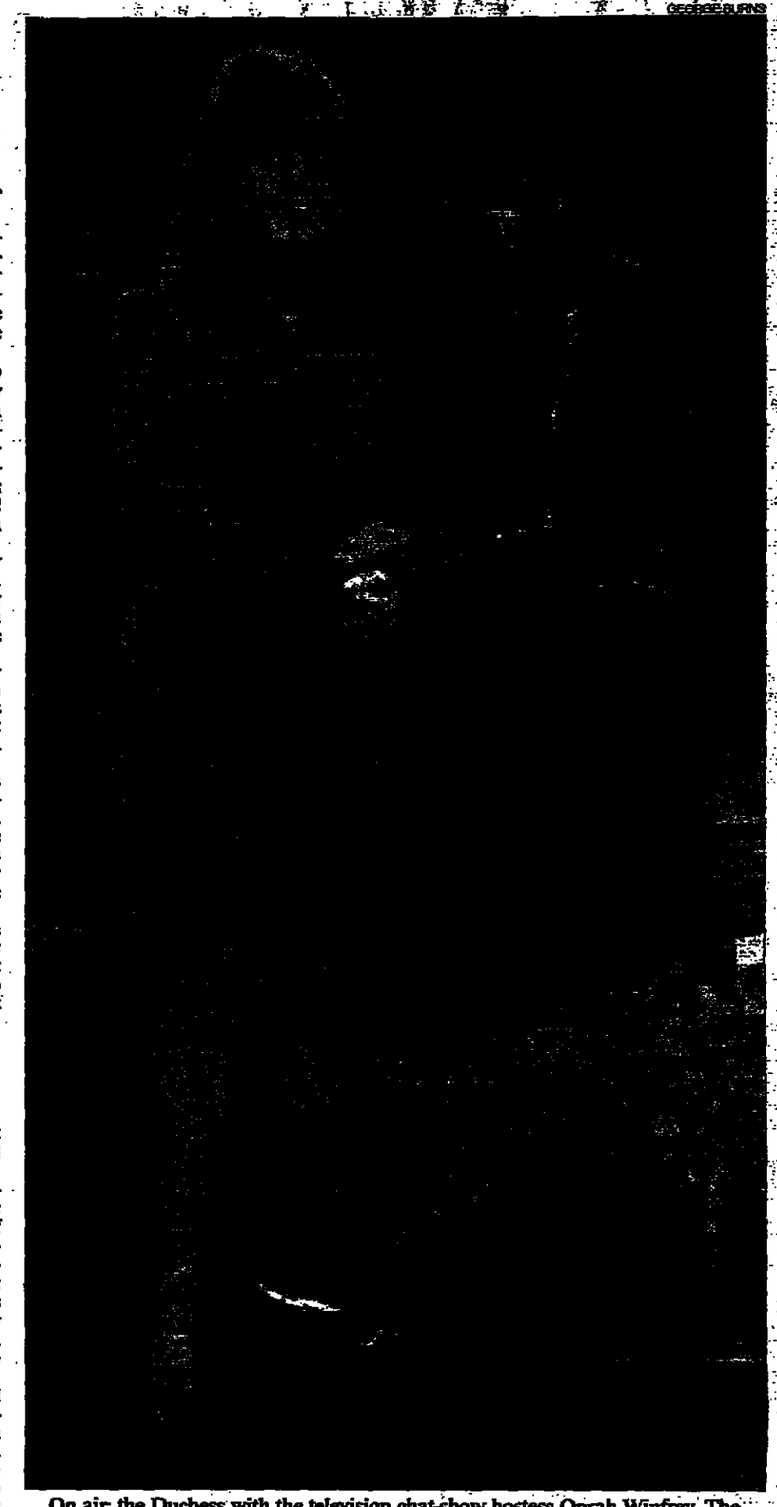
She did choose, however, to declare her intention to repay debts estimated at £4 million to Coutts, her bankers. Comparing her addiction to spending money with her sister-in-law's bulimia, the duchess said she had now conquered her desire to lead a lavish lifestyle.

Motherhood was probably her only success, she said. "The only thing I can probably say I am good at is being a mother," she told Sue McGregor, her interviewer.

The duchess said that after the embarrassing publication of photographs of her toes being sucked by John Bryan, it was only her religious faith that sustained her.

Brushing aside suggestions that she had received "dressing-downs" from the Queen, the duchess said: "I would like to think that Her Majesty is grandmother to my two, to our two children, and therefore we carry on that relationship."

Her book, meanwhile, was being outsold by Dr Starkie's account even in Britain. But bookshops expect that to change as the publicity blitz takes effect.



On air: the Duchess with the television chat-show hostess Oprah Winfrey. The charm offensive does not seem to have helped her or her book in America

The temptations she cannot resist

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE Duchess of York is unfortunate in that her personality is likely to lead her all her life into social, financial and sexual scrapes of varying magnitude. They probably stem from a condition which is labelled "failure of impulse control".

During her interviews yesterday the duchess expressed regret for the difficulties she has caused others, but classically seemed to be emotionally detached. The magnitude of the disasters she had occasioned did not seem to be causing severe anxiety.

Her present preoccupations not unnaturally centre on her debts, which she says have slipped all too easily from six to seven figures. The size of the debt can be attributed to her buying and spending sprees: they are not so much a matter of immaturity, as some people display that trait all their lives.

In other people, the same personality defect of failure of impulse control leads to pathological gambling, constant travelling, or even pyromania. Whatever the desire, the feature of the disorder is that patients cannot resist an impulse. Naturally, the consequences of their act, whether its a debt at Coutts or a gambling loss in the casino, causes regret and remorse, but sooner or later, loneliness, depression or unhappiness will trigger another bout of buying or spending, and the cycle is repeated.

Disorders of impulse control are often very much part of a wider picture and of difficulties with personal relationships. As with any personality disorder, treatment is difficult. As the duchess herself says, her troubles may well have been lain down in childhood when her home life was fractured.

The duchess's principal concern now is for her children, and there is every reason to suppose that she will be a devoted mother. But no blinding flash on the road to Damascus will ever turn her into an astute banker or nun.

Express man's wife arrested over book

A NEWSPAPER executive's wife was arrested after a woman allegedly tried to sell a stolen copy of a controversial biography about the Duchess of York to journalists.

Anita Monk, 52, the Dutch-born wife of Ian Monk, deputy editor of *The Express*, was arrested at a Heathrow hotel on November 1 by police posing as reporters. The duchess tried to ban the 224-page biography, *Fergie: Her Secret Life*, by Allan Starkie, because it disclosed embarrassing details of her affairs with the Americans John Bryan and Steve Wyatt.

The book was printed in America and Finland under strict secrecy and bought for serialisation for £170,000 by the *Daily Mail*. Unknown to the *Mail*, a rough copy had found its way to *The Express*. *The Sun* was allegedly contacted on November 1 by a woman who asked £4,000 to hand over a copy of the biography at the Excelsior Hotel, Heathrow.

The woman refused to give her name but told *The Sun* she had obtained the copy from Finland. *The Sun* informed the publisher, Michael O'Mara. The woman was told that reporters would meet her. Metropolitan Police officers arrived and arrested Mrs Monk. Officers seized an unbound prepublication copy of the biography and a search of her home in Fulmer, Buckinghamshire, uncovered another, it is alleged. Mrs Monk was taken to Uxbridge police station and bailed to return on Monday.

Mr Monk's future at *The Express* was unclear yesterday. He was in his office but not available for comment. Richard Addis, Editor of *The Express*, said only: "How distressing for Mr Monk that everyone now knows his wife is 52."

Mr O'Mara's lawyers sought undertakings from *The Express* that it would not run unauthorised excerpts. The paper ran extracts over three pages and an opinion column condemning the book.

A woman was arrested in Finland for trying to sell page proofs to another tabloid.

Drunk is jailed for midair mayhem

By Richard Duce and Harvey Elliott

A JUDGE criticised airlines yesterday for making alcohol too easily available after hearing that an American, high on drink and drugs, turned a Virgin Atlantic trip into a "flight from hell".

Jailing James Mullahy for two years, Judge Ensor said he regretted that it was the most he could impose on Mullahy, 37, from Florida. Manchester Crown Court was told that Mullahy became violent after a four-hour drinking binge on the flight from Orlando to Manchester last month. He had been drinking against medical advice after taking a course of anti-depressant drugs.

Cabin staff were so alarmed that the captain ordered the flightdeck doors to be locked. After struggling with other passengers, Mullahy was subdued only when a British holidaymaker punched him twice in the face. Mullahy, of Palm Coast, admitted endangering aircraft and safety and being drunk on board an aircraft. He had been on his way to a job interview with immigration authorities in Dublin.

Hogan: subdued drunk on plane with a punch

Rick Holland, for the prosecution, said Mullahy, who was sitting beside a US Marine, had continued drinking through his first meal and made a number of trips to the front of the aircraft to get more alcohol. He then began marching up and down the aisle, swearing, clenching his fists and talking about God.

The judge ordered that Paul Hogan, 34, the man who eventually immobilised him with a punch, should receive a £50 award from public funds in gratitude for his actions. Mr Hogan, 34, a car salesman from Bradford, west Yorkshire, was on the plane with his family.

Airline spokesmen said yesterday that there was no need to change their policy on serving alcohol.

Viscount drove over limit after lover died

By Mike Horsnell

VISCOUNT WEYMOUTH, heir to the Marquess of Bath, was banned from driving for 18 months yesterday and fined £500 after he was stopped while almost three times over the drink-drive limit.

The viscount, charged in the name of Ceawlin Henry Thynn, had been upset at the death of his girlfriend, Scarlet Kirby, 29, in a bomb attack in India six months earlier, Horseferry Road magistrates in London were told. He was injured in the explosion at a backpackers' hostel in New Delhi. When his Alfa Romeo was stopped by police after he went through a red light in Kensington, he had been thinking about his girlfriend and his best friend, both killed in the blast last April, the court was told.

Viscount Weymouth, 22, who gave his address as Longleat House near Warminster, had gone out in October on the eve of what would have been Miss Kirby's birthday. He was said to be unemployed and living on £46-a-week benefit. He was ordered to pay £50 costs.

Raucous rooster lands its owner in Dublin prison

By Audrey Magee, Ireland Correspondent

A CLAMOROUS campaign is afoot to free a woman jailed in Dublin for refusing to restrain her boisterous rooster.

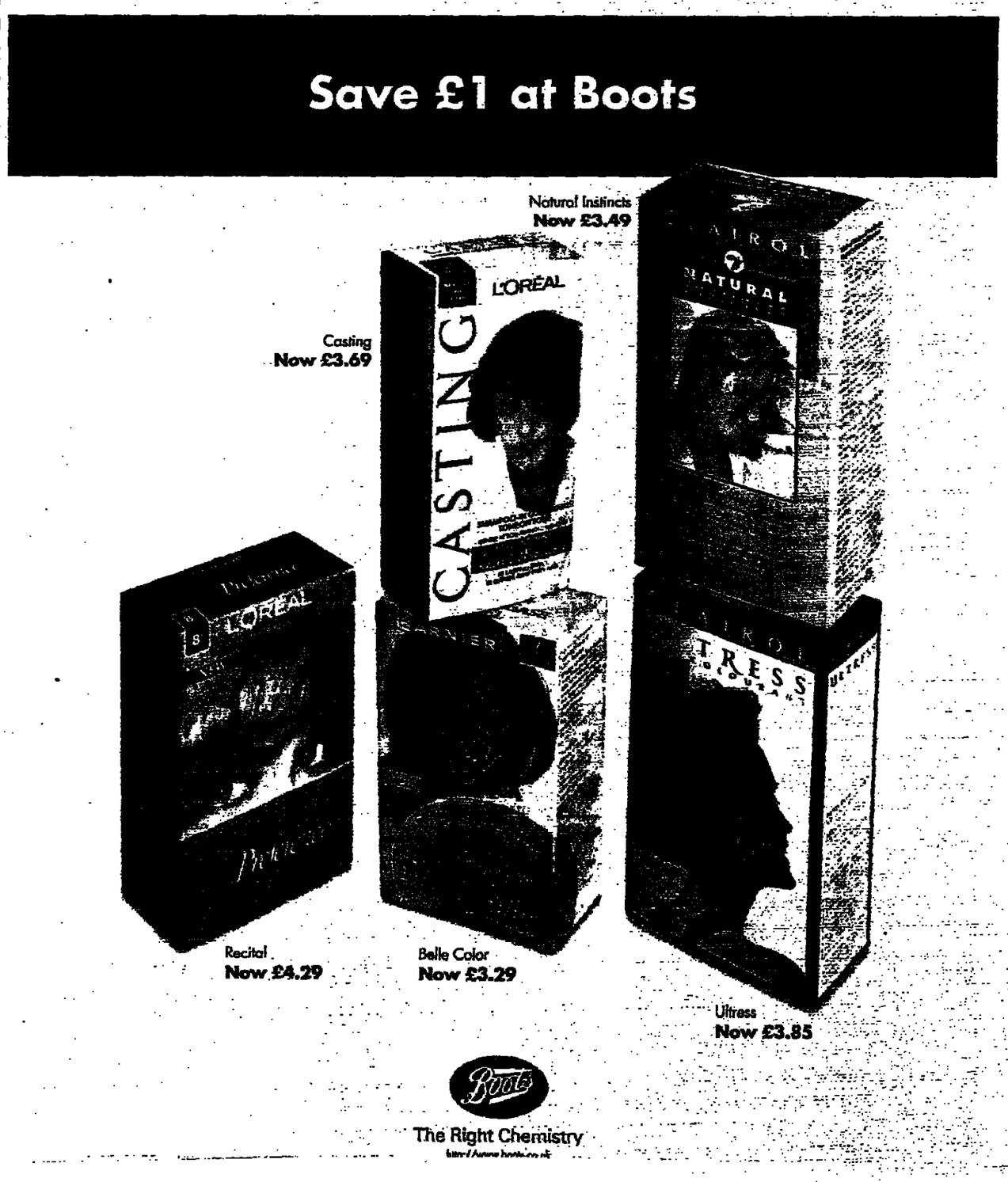
Moira Gallagher, 62, of Co Mayo, has spent the past 11 days in Mountjoy prison because she refused a court order to silence her crowing cockerel. The arguments with her neighbours in Achill began three years ago after the rooster, Caoile, uprooted a hedge. Mrs Gallagher refused to get rid of the bird or to build a wall to keep it from wandering.

Peter Masterson's neighbouring house, irritating him with its incessant crowing. Last July, he started a civil action against Mrs Gallagher.

The Castlebar Circuit Court ordered her to build a 6ft 6in wall. She refused. Last month she was again brought before the courts and told to pay Mr Masterson £4,000 compensation or build the wall. She refused both, was held in contempt and sentenced to indefinite detention in Mountjoy prison in Dublin.

Friends and relatives are They protested outside the prison gates, demanding her release. Her son Tommy, 23, said roosters crowed by nature. "It's a farce. She should not have been sent to prison. People who get done for murder and drugs are still out."

The main opposition party, Fianna Fail, says Mrs Gallagher should be freed on compassionate grounds. The party's law reform spokesman, Willie O'Dea, said yesterday that the case was absurd and that the law of



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BBC announces plan to scrap television quiz show that became a national institution

After 25 years, Mastermind has come to the final pass

By Carol Midgley

TWENTY-FIVE years after it started with a question about a Picasso painting, *Mastermind* is to finish. The television quiz show which fed the voracious British appetite for factual knowledge will close after its next series in 1997.

The presenter Magnus Magnusson, an Icelandic-born archaeology expert who brought an air of scholarly gravitas to the interrogation process, admitted he was disappointed by the BBC's decision that the programme had been "drawing to the end of its natural life".

But he said: "Every good thing has to come to an end, and I would rather it ended with a bang than whimper. We will be retiring from the scene when we are still on the crest, and I shall treat the last series as a celebration of 25 splendid and enjoyable years.

"It has been a tremendous privilege to be part of a programme which has become legendary in the annals of quiz programmes. I have started and now it is time to finish."

More than 1,400 contestants have sat in the black chair answering questions on specialist subjects ranging from occupational pensions, to famous burial grounds of London, to the Sex Pistols.

Competition has been fierce. One contestant tried to unnerve rivals by completing *The Times* crossword in four minutes; he had memorised the answers. Another bought a replica *Mastermind* chair, ordered his son to operate an Anglepoise lamp and demanded his wife ask him questions every night for a week before his appearance.

When the first programme was broadcast on September 11, 1972, from Liverpool University, accompanied by the title music called *Approaching Menace*, it was described as a quirky, one-off show for insomniac academics. But it quickly became a national institution, paving the way for pub quizzes and board games such as Trivial Pursuit. At its height in the mid-1980s, it had 20 million viewers, and it still attracts 6 million.

Magnusson's catchphrases — "I've started so I'll finish," "You passed on three," and "Stop the clock" — became part of the vernacular. Its simple, yet compelling, format of a specialist questions round followed by a high-pressure general knowledge test became compulsive viewing for many. The first question was on the visual arts. It asked: "Picasso's *Guernica* was a protest about the bombing by Spanish planes of a village. In what year did the event take place that inspired the painting?" The answer was 1937.

Magnusson, 66, said that question would now fall under general knowledge because the idea of general knowledge had "broadened hugely" since 1972. The highest-ever specialist score is 22, achieved by a helicopter pilot, Joe West, in 1979. He answered questions on Nelson. The highest general knowledge score is also 22, achieved by Jennifer Keaveney in 1986. The highest combined total is 41, scored by Kevin Ashman last year.

Winners of the Caithness glass trophy have ranged from diplomats, a cleric, and teachers to taxi and train drivers. Perhaps the most well-known, London cabbie Fred Housego, became a broadcasting celebrity after his 1980 victory.

Thousands of people have applied to go under the spotlight. Some specialist subjects were considered too obscure; they included orthopaedic bone cement in total hip replacement and routes to anywhere in mainland Britain from Letchworth by road.

By the time Magnusson bows out, he will equal the record for the longest-serving host of a continuously running quiz show on British television, set by the *University Challenge* presenter Bamber Gascoigne. Magnusson is currently writing his memoirs about the show.

The show's creator, BBC producer Bill Wright, died in 1981. The BBC, which owns the copyright to the format, and is now promising to develop new ideas for quiz shows to take the *Mastermind* tradition into the future. There are no plans to sell the format.

Corporation executives paid tribute to Magnusson yesterday. The BBC1 controller Michael Jackson said: "His eloquence has become a byword in television."

John Whiston, the head of youth and entertainment features, said: "The success of *Mastermind* is due in large part to Magnus Magnusson's inspirational stewardship. There are very few broadcasters who can match his contribution to the BBC for quality and consistency, let alone longevity, and the BBC owes him a deep debt of gratitude."

The corporation has pledged a special documentary and a spectacular final to mark *Mastermind's* demise.

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HOW THEY STARTED ...

Have the *Mastermind* questions become easier or more difficult? Here is a sample of general knowledge questions from the first series and the latest.

1 What author did Hitler and Mussolini acclaim as the master prophet of right-wing authoritarianism?

2 He provoked the Third Crusade by capturing Jerusalem in 1187. Who is he?

3 A member of the family Alaudidae, Wordsworth wrote a poem in its praise. What was it?

4 What fortunate discovery was made by Jacobus Jonker in 1934?

5 In the ancient world what name was given to the five regular solid figures?

Answers — 1, Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche; 2, Saladin; 3, a skylark; 4, a large diamond; 5, Platonic solids.

AND HOW THEY FINISHED

1 Violet is at one end of the visible spectrum. What colour is at the other end?

2 What name is usually given to the tax imposed in Anglo-Saxon times to provide funds for the protection of England from the Vikings?

3 In Shakespeare, who is warned to beware jealousy "the green-ey'd monster which doth mock/The meat it feeds on"?

4 In the Old Testament, who was stoned to death after he refused to sell his vineyard to King Ahab?

5 Which mercantile league of north German towns dominated the Baltic and North Sea trade from the 13th to the 15th century?

Answers: 1, Red; 2, Danegeld (also gafol, heregeld or geld); 3, Othello; 4, Naboth; 5, Hanseatic League or Hanse (German — Hansa).

Magnusson, top left, said of his record-breaking run: "I have started so I will finish." Above, taxi driver Fred Housego celebrating his 1980 win with his family

Secrets of hot-seat

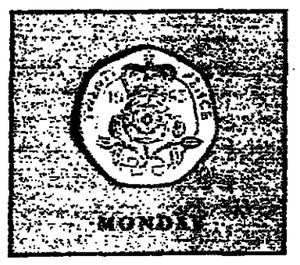
THE black leather chair and the spotlight which became the symbols of *Mastermind* were designed to recreate the atmosphere of a wartime interrogation. Bill Wright, a former prisoner of war who devised the show's format, wanted contestants to feel they were being grilled under the fiercest pressure.

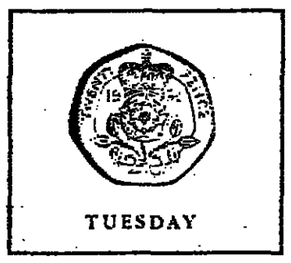
Although a duplicate chair is kept in case of emergencies, the same original model has been used since 1972, transported around the country by lorry. The duplicate chair has been used in the opening titles and for sketches on *The Two Ronnies* and *Morecambe and Wise*. Magnus Magnusson has always refused to sit on either chair.

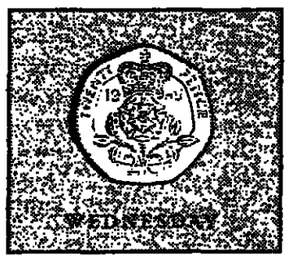
Between filming, the main chair is kept in a secret location in London and guarded closely. In 1979 students at the University of Coleraine "kidnapped" it and demanded a £50 ransom for their Cambodia Relief Fund. After tense negotiations, it was handed back with no money changing hands.

Although Magnusson has always avoided it, he may be forced to sit in the chair for the first time as part of the programme's finale next year. Under the famous spotlight, he is expected to be asked questions on his 25 years as quizmaster by former contestants in a last act of revenge.

Magnusson suggested last night that the BBC should present him with the chair as a "permanent memento of 25 of the happiest years of my life. I would like to put it out to grass in my study."







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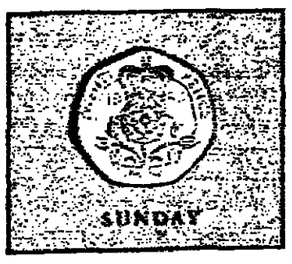

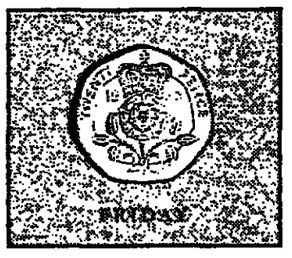

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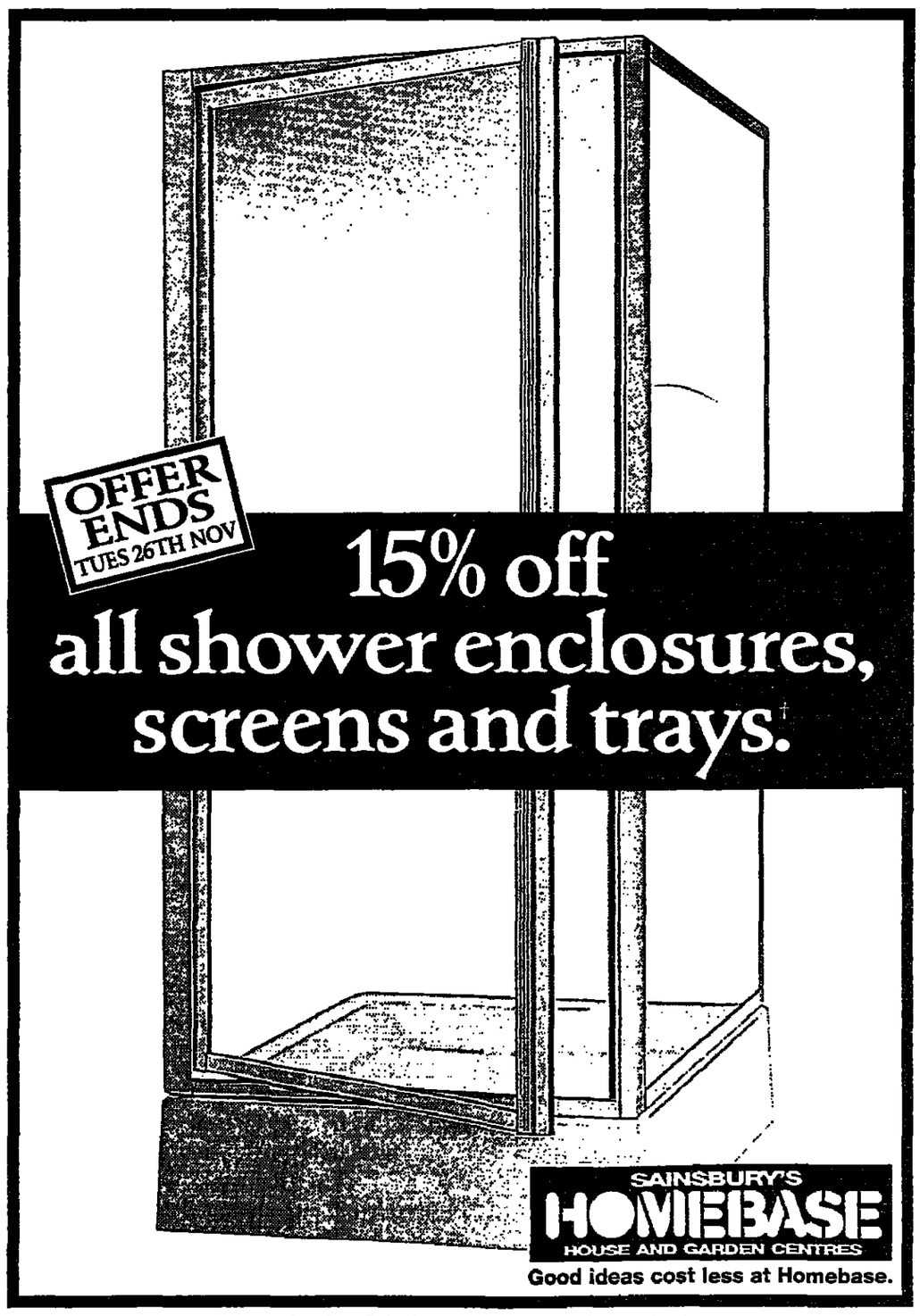

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Girl who tried to stop fight was killed by one kick

By Russell Jenkins

A SINGLE kick to the head by a 12-year-old girl was enough to kill Louise Allen, who was set upon as she tried to stop a fight on her way home from a funfair, a court was told yesterday.

The 12-year-old and her friend, 13, stood beside their solicitors in the dock at Nottingham Crown Court and admitted manslaughter after the Crown dropped charges of murder. Richard Nathan, for the prosecution, told Mr Justice Hidden that the more serious charge was being dropped in the light of the post-mortem examination results.

They showed that Louise, 13, from Corby, Northamptonshire, died from the kind of internal bleeding in the head often caused by a blow or a punch. It did not have to be a severe blow, the court was told. Mr Nathan also said that the Crown believed it would be difficult to prove that there was specific intent to kill or cause serious injury when the youngster aimed the kick.

Mr Nathan told the court that the fight began shortly before 8pm on Monday, April 27, as a group of girls were returning home to a council estate from a funfair. There was an incident in which Louise's friend was challenged to a fight by the younger of the accused. Shortly afterwards, she was sitting astride the friend and striking her.

A schoolgirl was recovering in hospital yesterday after being abducted and beaten by a gang of teenage girls over six hours. The girl, 13, suffered a broken wrist, bite marks, severe bruising and injury to her ear during the attack in Gorton, Greater Manchester, on Wednesday. One of the gang rang her parents to say: "We've beaten up your daughter and dumped her in the road."

Louise tried to pull the girl off, the court was told. This was seen by a large number of girls, all roughly the same age. At this point the accused's friend also intervened and, in the next few minutes, Louise received the blow that put her on a life-support machine in Kettering General hospital. The equipment was switched off the next day.

Mr Nathan said that witness statements suggested that first one girl and then the other kicked Louise in the head. But he said that to establish a charge of murder the Crown would need to provide specific intent either to kill the victim or to inflict some serious injury. "We are dealing here with a 12-year-old and a 13-year-old and the Crown has been given material that indicates the 13-year-old has the intelligence quotient that puts her in the bottom 12 per cent of the population."

The post-mortem examination report showed only three obvious injuries to Louise, all bruises to the head. The largest of them was seven centimetres by three centimetres. This may have been the cause of her death, said Mr Nathan. The report showed she died of internal bleeding. "The blow need not be severe and it is widely accepted that such an injury often follows moderate force."

Howard Morrison, defending the younger child, said his client accepted that she aimed a kick at Louise as she lay on the ground. She did not think any kick had landed, but accepted that evidence suggested it must have done.

Sally Bennett-Jenkins, defending the older child, said her client was willing to accept that she pulled Louise away from the fight by her hair and that there was a tussle. The judge called for probation reports to be drawn up on both girls and adjourned the hearing until later this month.

Louise Allen died after she was attacked by two girls on her way home from a funfair. Her parents gave permission for her life support machine to be switched off

US-style clerks to help judges clear backlog

By Frances Gibb, Legal Correspondent

JUDGES are to take on young lawyers as American-style clerks to do their routine work in an attempt to clear the backlog of appeals. The idea has come from Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, who yesterday described the lack of administrative support for judges as absurd.

The Court of Appeal is faced with a rising backlog of unheard appeals. Last year the figure rose from 1,600 in 1994 to 1,800. There was also a backlog for leave to appeal.

The time taken to hear cases is growing. Last year the Court of Appeal said it could hear only 70 per cent of cases within 18 months of the date they were set down for trial. For some kinds of cases, the wait was more than two years.

The scheme, reported in this week's *Law Society Gazette*, will be modelled on programmes in the United States and New Zealand. A dozen young lawyers will be chosen as judicial assistants to work closely with judges. They will be drawn from trainee or recently qualified solicitors and barristers in the last stage of pupillage.

A Court of Appeal judge, Lord Justice Otton, has been appointed to oversee the project, which is expected to be run in the new year. Both the Law Society and Bar will put forward 12 candidates each for a shortlist. Judges will whittle down the list and conduct interviews.

Yesterday Lord Woolf said that for too long the civil justice system had been the poor relation of criminal and family law and had not had its fair share of resources. At a conference in London organised by the Legal Action Group to discuss his civil justice reforms, Lord Woolf said there were "obvious economies" that could be made in the civil courts. One was to give judges proper administrative support. The traditional High Court judge's clerk had been devised as part of the system long ago, he said. "That person on the whole is the sole resource that a judge has — and it is an unskilled resource. That is absurd."

Under his proposals, judges would take on a more active role as trial managers. With that new role, they would need clerks with skills "much closer to the old solicitors' clerks or legal executives".

Recently the poor facilities for judges trying civil disputes were criticised by judges at the Bar conference. Judge Weeks, QC, said that judges had no "clerical or other assistance and if they want to type a judgment or write a letter they have to do it themselves".

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Professor Muller-Dethlefs and his puzzling subject

It's a black and white case, but not to scientists

By Paul Wilkinson

SCIENTISTS from across the world have gathered in earnest conclave to consider a conundrum that has baffled the world for decades: why do the bubbles in Guinness go down in the glass when every other drink sends its fizz shooting to the surface?

The symposium at York University examined the Great Guinness Conjecture expounded by Klaus Muller-Dethlefs, Professor of Chemistry at York and a keen Guinness-drinker. He was first drawn to the problem in a bar in New Hampshire after attending a conference on techniques for studying molecules using high-tech lasers.

He and his American colleague, Professor Phil Johnson, mused on why the bubbles behaved the way they did. Professor Muller-Dethlefs, who recently moved from the Munich Technical Institute, said: "We realised it was similar to some of the other problems we're trying to solve.

"We use sensitive lasers to select and track molecules in order to understand the way they react and move. I realised our laser research could be used to pinpoint molecules in liquids, like Guinness, and work out this problem once and for all." But after the debate, a less-serious aspect of a three-day workshop on laser spectroscopy, as his technique is called, he admitted they had yet to crack the riddle of the stout. "We need to perform more experiments before we can fully explain the Guinness effect," he said.

"The basic science is that it is the relation of different fluid dynamics of the liquid and the gas that determines whether bubbles rise of fall. What we presently believe after pilot experiments, is that bubbles sink due to the special features of Guinness, for instance the thickness and texture of the liquid and the nitrogen gas used to pump it, in conjunction with the peculiar swirling movements of the brew and the shape of the glass."

The research could bring a whole new meaning to the famous slogan "Guinness Is Good For You", because it could lead to new medical techniques that might save lives, including a safer alternative to X-rays and a treatment for skin cancer.

Professor Muller-Dethlefs added that laser spectroscopy could replace invasive techniques. "For instance, cells in the human body can be diagnosed, and glucose levels in diabetics' blood can be examined without need for surgery or taking of blood."

Hotline for sinners to hear the call

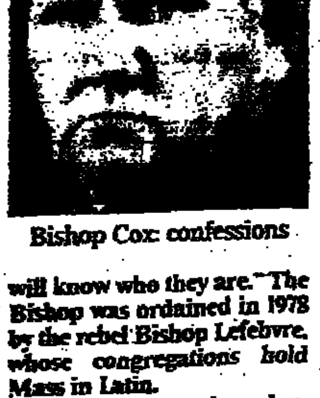
By Audrey Magee

A BREAKAWAY Irish bishop began a premium telephone line yesterday to hear confessions.

The Tridentine Bishop Michael Cox, 51, wants to raise funds to restore a church in Birr, Co Offaly, and said that he had a "divine revelation" to set up the £1-a-minute line. Callers hear a recorded message offering an interview with the bishop, a healing line, mass dedications, absolution, and a confessional which plays a prayer then tells them to confess after the tone. They are told not to give names.

Bishop Cox, 51, said he will listen to all the recorded confessions: "I give absolution to all those who phone. I will offer mass for them. God will know who they are." The Bishop was ordained in 1978 by the rebel Bishop Lefebvre, whose congregations hold Mass in Latin.

A Catholic Church spokesman said Bishop Cox had no authority to absolve anybody.



Bishop Cox: confessions

Birthday boy dies jumping for joy

By Paul Wilkinson

A BOY who liked to use his bunk bed as a trampoline broke his neck when he fell off and crashed into a safety net made by his parents. James Leadbetter was found dead by his mother on the day that the family was to hold his eleventh birthday party.

His bed stood 4ft 2in off the ground and was made from scaffolding poles because he had broken three previous beds using them as trampolines. His father, George, an electronics research engineer from Amble, Northumberland, said: "He was so excited about his party.

"He was such a livewire, always rushing around. Everyone who knew him would tell how full of energy he was. It is terrible that he died like this.

"It looks as though James had been trying to do back somersaults on his bed and something went horribly wrong. He used to enjoy climbing about in his bedroom, making dens and caves around the furniture."

Church leaders have no special authority to criticise Government, says Archbishop

Don't muddle theology with politics, Carey tells clergy

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

ADRIAN BROOKS

George Carey: said the Church had a useful role in politics

THE Archbishop of Canterbury issued a pre-election warning to clergy yesterday of the dangers of claiming special authority for their political and economic opinions.

Dr George Carey said that, when a bishop or priest wanted to criticise the Government in public, they should take the trouble first to consult ministers or MPs about the points they wished to make. The Church should not confuse theological and moral pronouncements with politics, Dr Carey said. While Church leaders could contribute usefully to political debate, they possessed no special authority in this area.

Dr Carey's comments indicate his wish to maintain the delicate balance in Church-State relations in the run-up to the general election. While the Archbishop has made similar points before, their reinforcement now contrasts with the recent publication by the Roman Catholic bishops of a document widely regarded as supportive of socialist policies.

Addressing a conference on "the state of the nation" in High Leigh, Hertfordshire, Dr Carey said: "Where the Church seeks to make pronouncements as an institution, it should not muddle up indiscriminately pronouncements about theological and moral ends and the fruits of pastoral experience, on the one hand, and political or economic opinions about how best to achieve particular effects on the other." To be "prophetic" was not the same as putting forward a one-sided view without consulting the person being criticised.

However, he emphasised that the Church should not stay out of the political arena, especially where clergy could draw on their own pastoral experience. If one was to address contemporary moral concerns, one could not "cherry pick" just one or two issues.

Dr Carey's comments reflect a transformation in the relationship between Church and government since the undeclared war of the 1980s, when Archbishop Runcie, now Lord Runcie, was constantly at odds with the Margaret Thatcher and the Conservatives.

Dr Carey said the Church had the right to speak about society's moral goals and priorities, and to addressed the problem of the deprived. "But — and it is a big 'but' — when it comes to the most effective political or economic means of attaining moral goals, the Churches, though they may hope to make a useful contribution, do not speak with special authority," he said. "Archbishops, for example, are not expert in assessing the practical effects of different political or economic options."

One should know "the difference between issues where the Church can claim special authority and the issues where it may hope to make a useful contribution but cannot claim special authority and expertise by virtue of being the Church". He continued: "It especially behoves church people to avoid apparent self-righteousness when contributing to political debate".

Dr Carey referred directly to one of the biggest battlegrounds of the 1980s, the *Faith in the City* report, condemned by one Government minister as "Marxist" when it was published in 1985. The report led to the creation of the Church Urban Fund, which has donated £23 million to more than 1,300 projects in deprived areas since 1987.

Dr Carey defended the report as "deeply appreciated" by many, but admitted that some of the criticisms by those close to the Government of the day "were at least partly justified". The report had had "an Achilles' heel", he said. The recommendations to the nation about how to address the problems that it outlined "raised important questions about the nature of the Church's special authority".

☐ Anglicans from ethnic minorities who migrate to Britain still encounter hostility from white congregations, according to a Church of England report published today. Churchgoers from countries such as China, Pakistan and India have even been advised to go away and set up their own churches, according to *The Passing Winter*. It has also been alleged that church schools have refused to admit children from ethnic minorities.

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Tesco opens first Internet store

WEEKEND SHOPPING

TESCO launched Britain's first on-line supermarket yesterday. The company's trial of an Internet service, said to represent "the future of shopping", began in Ealing, west London. Shoppers can log into their computers, tap in their orders from a choice of 20,000 grocery and household items, and sit back to wait for them to be delivered.

The system uses a package called Merchant Server, developed by Microsoft and launched within the past few months. On-line shoppers set a delivery time and pay by store card or credit card. Tesco will deliver for a £5 fee.

Announced promotions this week include:

Budgens: fresh skinless chicken breast fillets £3.99 for 500g, pork and leek sausages £1.24 for 454g, large mushrooms 69p for 227g, low-fat fruit yoghurt 79p for 4 x 125g, white crumpets 29p for eight.

Co-op (CWS): ham on the bone 99p for ¼ lb, frozen roast potatoes £1.39 for 1.36kg, frozen button sprouts 69p for 907g, all-butter shortbread fingers £1.19 for 500g.

Harrods: champagne pâté with ceps £1.99 for 100g, three-bean salad 89p for 100g, smoked Scottish lamb £2.99 for 100g, sea hen caviare £8.99 for 100g.

Iceland: orange and ginger chicken breasts £2.29 for two, breaded haddock steaks £1.99 for six, cod bites £1.49 for 30, garden peas 79p for 907g.

Marks & Spencer: chicken breast fillets £8.99 for ten, hake in breadcrumbs 99p for 227g, steak au poivre £4.99 for 396g, garlic baguette 79p for 155g, treacle tart 99p for 300g, custard 79p for 500g.

Morrisons: pork chops £1.29 a lb, beef brisket £1.55 lb, fillet steak £5.99 lb, cod fillet £1.99 lb, whole trout £1.29 lb, oysters 39p each, Granny Smith apples 29p lb, Rocha pears 39p a lb.

Safeway: sirloin steak £8.95 a kg, chicken breast fillets £7.99 for 1.19kg, frozen pork spare rib chops £2.79 for 907g, cauliflower 39p each, tomatoes 42p a lb, closed-cup mushrooms 99p a lb.

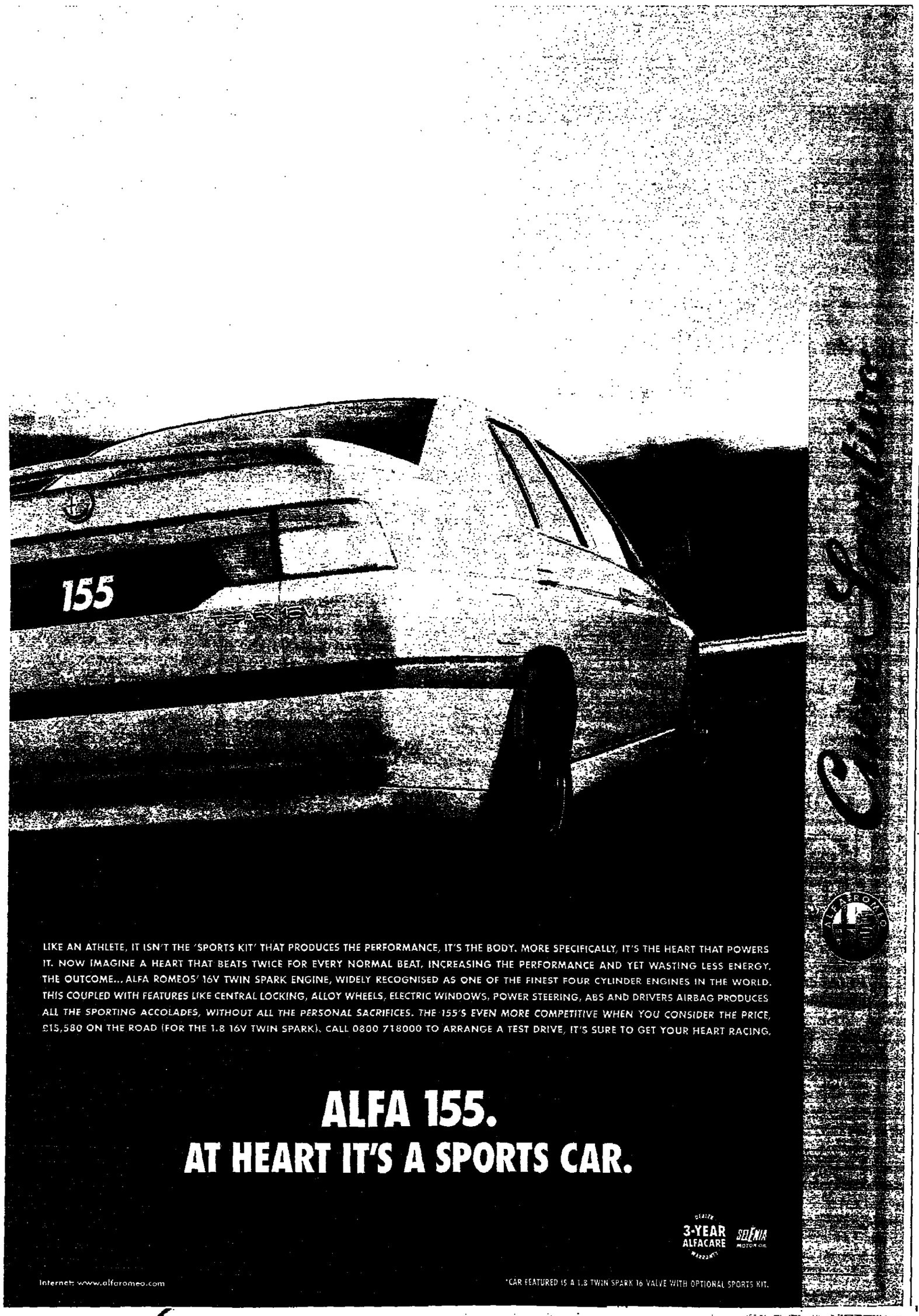
Sainsbury's: fresh whole leg of lamb £4.99 a kg, topside/silverside £5.79 a kg, pork loin chops £5.49 a kg, chicken drumsticks and thighs £2.69 for five, extra lean sausages 99p for 454g, cauliflower 39p each, dwarf beans 99p for 250g.

Somerfield: fresh pork loin steaks £2.38 a lb, whole salmon £2.17 a lb, boneless beef brisket £1.76 a lb, shoulder of lamb £1.47 a lb, cottage pie 79p for 550g, satsumas 29p lb, fromage frais 79p for 6 x 60g.

Tesco: chicken breast fillets £3.99 for 574g, lean braising steak £5.99 a kg, minced lamb £2.09 for 500g, raw peeled tiger prawns £1.29 for 4oz, brussels sprouts 35p a lb, white potatoes £1.29 for 10kg, Golden Delicious apples 38p a lb.

Waitrose: chicken drumsticks £1.99 for ten, free range eggs 89p for six, King Edward potatoes £1.49 for 5kg, Spartan apples 45p a lb, Comice pears 49p a lb.

Robin Young



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Children's chance of surviving accidents is better than ever

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

SERIOUSLY injured children admitted to hospital after accidents have a dramatically increased chance of surviving because of better trauma care, researchers have found.

A study of 3,200 children and young people treated in 122 hospitals in Britain over the past seven years shows that the chances of surviving a serious accident have improved by 65 per cent. The improvement has been greatest in children under five, whose risk of dying in hospital fell by 21 per cent a year between 1989 and 1995. Among children aged 5 to 14 the death rate fell 13 per cent a year and among 15 to 24 year olds by 17 per cent.

More than two thirds of the victims were involved in a road accident and three quarters suffered a head injury. On admission to hospital, all the victims had suffered major trauma as measured on an injury severity scale.

Ian Roberts, director of the child health monitoring unit at the Institute of Child Health, London, who conducted the study, said: "My hunch is that it is less to do with high-tech medical innovations and more likely because patients are getting better basic trauma care."

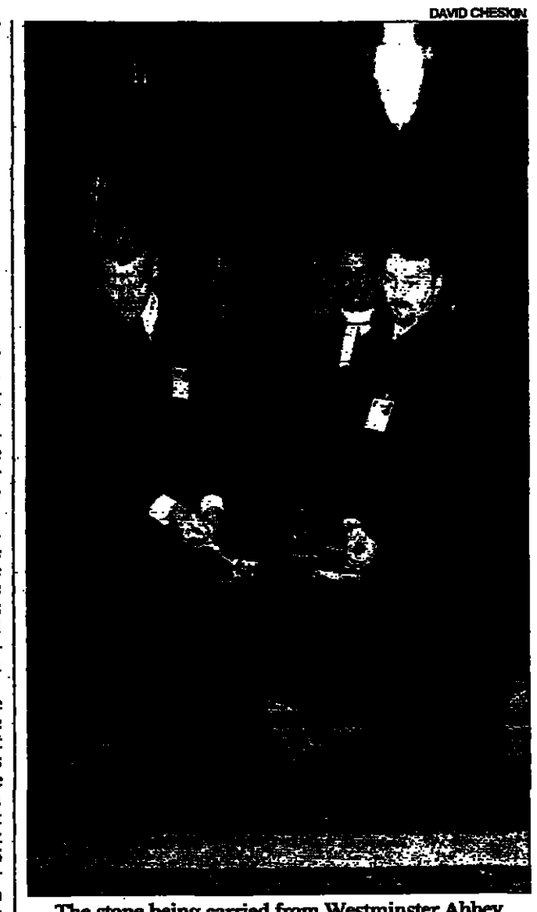
The number of NHS chief executives paid more than £100,000 has risen from two to 22 in two years. Although the proportion of administrators is growing at the expense of care workers, almost half of trusts cannot meet financial targets, according to the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

The poor standard of care given to accident victims had been recognised over the past decade and efforts made to improve it. Dr Roberts said that more attention was now given to standard measures such as checking that the patient's airway was clear, that they were breathing properly and not losing blood.

"Accident victims being taken into hospital now are more likely to be seen by a senior doctor than they were. More are getting brain scans and doctors are less likely to miss abdominal injuries, maybe because they are more aware of their importance. There has been a recognition that this is an important problem and patients needed a better standard of initial trauma management."

Dr Roberts said that the findings, published in the *British Medical Journal*, cast doubt on government claims that child accident rates were improving. A reduction in accident deaths of 33 per cent for under 15s and 25 per cent for 15 to 24 year olds by 2005 has been set as a target under the Health of the Nation strategy and on present trends these could be exceeded.

DAVID CHESKIN



The stone being carried from Westminster Abbey yesterday at the start of its return to Scotland

Stone of Destiny goes home in a Land Rover

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

THE Stone of Destiny, historic symbol of Scottish nationhood, will make its glorious return home today in the back of an Army Land Rover, 700 years after it was seized by Edward I.

The sandstone slab, known as the Stone of Scone, will cross the border at the town of Coldstream at 10am.

Security will be tight as the relic, Coronation stone of British monarchs for centuries, is escorted by the Coldstream Guards on to Coldstream Bridge. It will be handed over to the 1st Battalion The Royal Scots and the 1st Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers, before being piped over the Tweed and led in procession through the town to a reception where Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, will welcome the stone home. It will then be escorted on to Edinburgh. Yesterday the stone began its journey north after leaving Westminster Abbey at 7am in a blue wooden box with a wax seal.

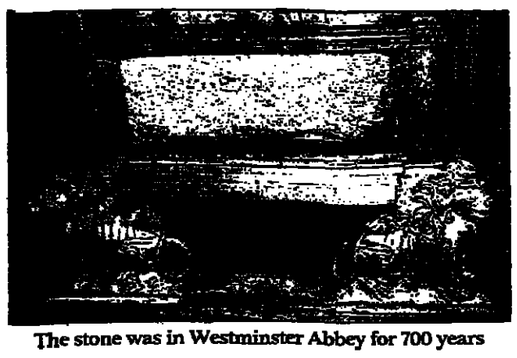
The last time the stone left London, it lay in two in the boot of a Ford Anglia driven by a Scottish nationalist student, Kay Mattheson, now 67, who was part of a gang who snatched it from under the Abbey's Coronation chair on Christmas Eve, 1950.

This time the mode of transport was slightly more dignified. Lothian and Borders Police refused to disclose any information about the route for security reasons. The stone was guarded by three police outriders, a white van and two Range Rovers. Last night it was under army guard at Ouston camp, west of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Private Davie McCulloch, 24, from Stranraer, will chauffeur the stone to Edinburgh. At the laboratory of Historic Scotland, the heritage agency, experts will decide if restoration is needed.

The first chance the public will have of seeing the stone will be on St Andrew's Day, November 30, when it leaves Holyroodhouse to begin the journey up the Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle where it will be on public view in the Crown Room the next day.

There will be a service at St Giles Cathedral and a ceremony at the castle to be attended by the Duke of York on behalf of the Queen.



The stone was in Westminster Abbey for 700 years

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Blood clot killed student in her sleep

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A STUDENT who died in her sleep in her first week at Oxford University suffered a rare lung condition, an inquest was told yesterday.

Rachel Steer, 18, died from a heart attack caused by a blood clot in her lungs. Sanjif Manek, the pathologist, said: "Usually there are reasons for this condition but there are cases where you cannot find any cause. It is a natural phenomenon.

"Usually it does occur in young females but it is an extremely rare condition. I think she died within two or three hours of going to bed."

Miss Steer, from Surbiton, Surrey, was a Classics student at St Hilda's. She was found on October 21, two days after her death, after she failed to attend a lecture and the alarm was raised by a friend.

Recording a verdict of death by natural causes, Nicholas Gardiner, the Oxfordshire Coroner, said: "This is a very rare condition, one you can't do anything in particular to prevent, except that a healthy lifestyle and regular exercise would help."

Miss Steer's parents, Clifford and Christine, did not attend the inquest.

Stable girl provoked me, accused tells court

BY JOANNA BALE

A FARMWORKER claimed yesterday that a stable girl hit him with an iron bar before he killed her with it in a hail of blows. Stephen Webber told a jury that he had loved Jessie Hurlstone, 27, but killed her after she "cut him dead" when she was with her friends and appeared ungrateful for presents he had bought.

Mr Webber, 39, pleaded not guilty at Exeter Crown Court to murdering Miss Hurlstone in October last year at Hawson Stables near Buckfastleigh, Devon, owned by the National Hunt trainer Richard Frost.

Mr Webber said that he had known Miss Hurlstone for about three years and had left his bungalow near Buckfastleigh to her in his will. He had been happy for it to be a platonic relationship, although he admitted feeling jealous when he saw her kissing a boyfriend.

Mr Webber said that he visited Miss Hurlstone at her caravan to discuss claims that he had wanted to get her into trouble over housing benefit. "The bar was just to frighten the girl. I do not know what made me do what I did," he told police. The trial continues.

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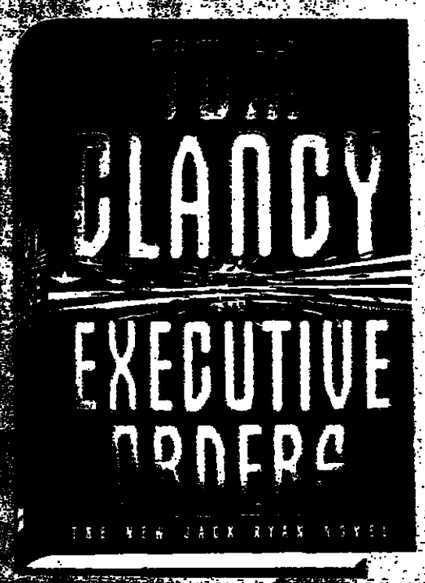

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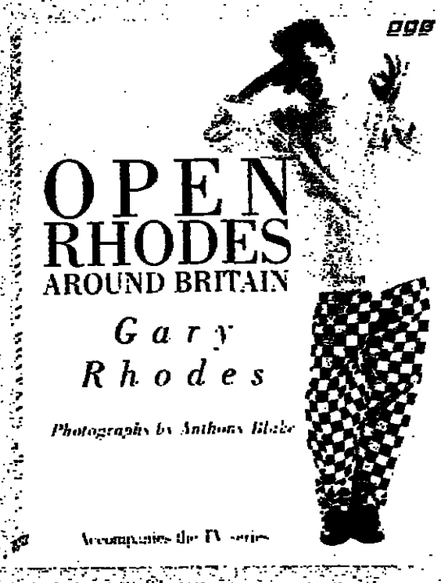

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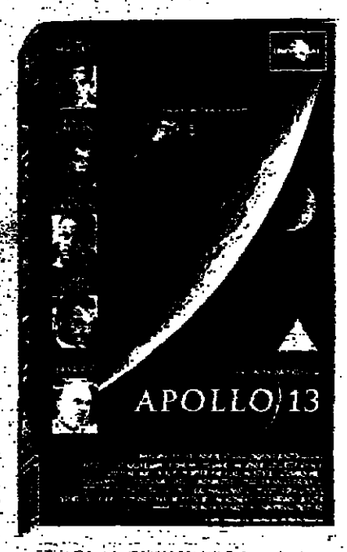

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Wealth gap closes as poorest escape from dire poverty

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE growth in inequality that accelerated during the 1980s has been reversed, with many of Britain's poorest people escaping from dire poverty, according to official statistics.

The main cause for the narrowing gap is that top salaries, in spite of the occasional "fat cat" scandal, are increasing no faster than lower wages. Higher taxes and more generous welfare benefits for people in work have helped to reduce inequality.

The debate about the poor getting poorer will be strongly affected by the first official analysis of what Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, likes to call "income mobility". Ministers have been embarrassed by surveys that have repeatedly shown that the gap between the poorest and richest grew rapidly during the 1980s.

Mr Lilley has been keen to find evidence that the poor are not a permanent mass of hopeless cases doomed to remain destitute. He believes the poorest are a constantly changing group of individuals who have fallen on hard times but will soon be able to pull themselves back up.

Yesterday's figures, from the Government Statistical Service, looked at the poorest 10 per cent in 1991: those living on less than £119 a week. They show that 60 per cent rose above the bottom tenth by 1994 but not far: most were still in the lowest third.

Although there was evidence of people rising from extreme poverty and then falling back, 60 per cent managed to stay up. During those three years the average weekly income of the poorest tenth rose from £101 to £150.

People who have been poor for a long time have less hope of escaping poverty. Those newly fallen into the bottom income level tended to have been just above it, rather than plummeting spectacularly from the richer groups.

The increase of lone parents means the proportion of children living in a home where no one earns anything has risen from 18 per cent in 1979 to 31 per cent in 1993-94. The rise in all households where no adult of working age receives a wage rose from 8 to 17 per cent. The combined effect of the recession and owning property has doubled the number of mortgage payers in the bottom tenth from 5 to 10 per cent.

In the past year there have been modest increases in income across the board, but the poorest have fared better than the richest. Causes include a fall in unemployment by 950,000 since the peak in December 1992, lower mortgage rates and an increase in income for pensioners.

The lives of the poor have improved since 1979 through mass ownership of consumer goods. Among the bottom fifth of the population, 90 per cent have a washing machine, 85 per cent a freezer and 75 per cent central heating.

The biggest winners since the Conservatives came to power have been pensioners and working people, whose incomes have increased by more than the average 37 per cent in real terms, while the income of the unemployed lagged. The increase in private pensions explains a significant fall in the proportion of elderly people in poverty.

Andrew Mitchell, a Social Security Minister, said: "The trend of increasing inequality in the 1980s has not continued. I am pleased to see signs that even the least well off are continuing to improve their living standards."

☐ *Households Below Average Income* (Stationery Office; £30)

Sir John Soane's museum will use £738,000 for expansion

Soane: he died in 1837

Lottery grant for hidden treasure

BY MARCUS BINNEY

A MUSEUM that has 9,000 Robert Adam drawings sitting in a cupboard has been given a £738,000 Heritage Lottery Fund grant to expand its premises.

Sir John Soane's museum at 13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, Holborn, London, is full of more surprises than any other building in London, with trick mirrors, hanging domes and numerous tiny vestibules filled with antiquities, busts, paintings and models. Little known a decade ago, it is now on the must-see list for many tourists, attracting 76,000 visitors last year.

Soane bequeathed his house and collection to the nation by an Act of Parliament in 1833 which specified that everything should remain as it was on the day he died. "All the pictures are hanging on the same nails. What had been a museum in Soane's lifetime retains the atmosphere of a private house today," said Christopher Woodward, the assistant curator.

Soane had lived with his family in a house at number 12, which he built in 1792, adding on his museum at number 13 in 1812. Then in 1823 he added the third house at number 14 to make a matching composition. Soon afterwards he sold number 14, which is now, like its neighbours, a Grade I listed building, to a solicitor who had promised to keep it as a family house but promptly turned it into an office. Mr Woodward said: "The house was perfect in every detail when he sold it. It still has all the quirky details like starfish ceilings."

The Soane museum tried to acquire number 14 in the 1960s, but was refused a grant by the Treasury. However, the Heritage Lottery Fund has given the application fast-track treatment, enabling the museum to meet a four-month deadline set by the current owners, an insurance company, to buy the property. Margaret Richardson, the curator, said: "We will create a Robert Adam study centre and facilities for children to study architecture.

"Soane was the first and greatest professor of architecture in England. The models, drawings and diagrams he made for his Royal Academy students are so clear and simple that they can be used today. Number 14 will enable us to reopen the upper floors of the museum, which have been used as offices."

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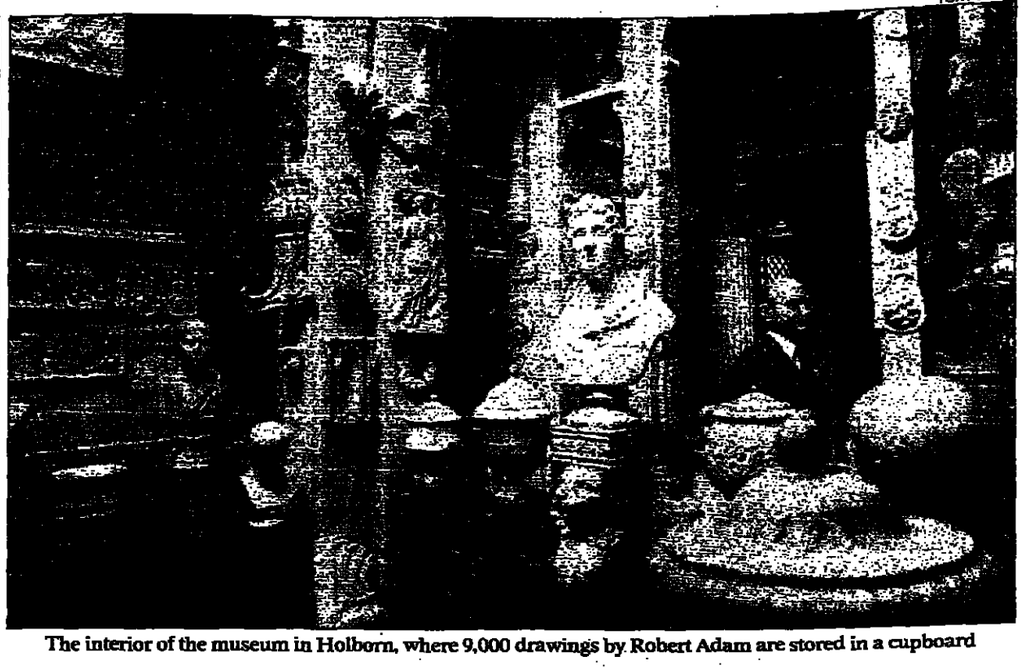

The interior of the museum in Holborn, where 9,000 drawings by Robert Adam are stored in a cupboard

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Raid on gypsies

A loaded pistol, four shotguns and drugs were seized by armed police during a raid on a gypsy camp in Streatham Vale, south London. Nine men and two women were being questioned yesterday.

Payout to MP

Anthony Steen, Tory MP for for South Hams, accepted substantial undisclosed libel damages over an article in the *Sunday Express* which said he had behaved like a lager lout on a trip to Cyprus.

Flashgun rescue

James Graham, 56, from Calgary, Canada, was rescued from a hill on South Uist in the Western Isles after alerting rescuers with a flashgun. He had set off to take photographs and became bogged down.

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Bristol City Council is seeking 250 volunteers next month to test a £1 million road-toll project funded by the European Commission. A card on their windscreens will register on scanners when they use the A4.

Britons win EU backing in French ski battle

BY OLIVER AUGUST

BRITISH ski instructors were supported in the European Parliament yesterday in a battle with French rivals.

Mario Monti, the European Commissioner for Competition, backed their campaign to win equal rights to teach on French ski slopes. He told the European Parliament that the ban on foreign certificates was unjustified and ruled that British instructors must be granted full access this coming season.

During years of simmering hostility and threats of violence, British instructors have been barred because top grades awarded by the British Association of Ski Instructors were not recognised in France. In March, the French were forced to surrender after threats that further opposition to equal rights rules would result in legal action at the European Court of Justice. The French Government backed down but unionised French instructors continued their opposition.

If the French Government cannot persuade the union to comply with the rule changes agreed in March, the British association is prepared to step up its legal battle. Simon Holmes, a lawyer acting for the association, said: "The ski instructors have hijacked the French public agenda. We want to resolve this before the season starts."

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Hospital agrees restricted work for ear specialist

HIV-positive surgeon is allowed to operate again

By Shirley English

A SURGEON who is HIV-positive yesterday became the first one known to have the virus to be allowed to resume his work in the operating theatre.

Health managers in Glasgow announced that Professor George Browning, an ear, nose and throat specialist, would be allowed to do a restricted number of "no risk" operations. Patients will be told of his condition and asked whether they wish to receive treatment from him.

They will be under no pressure to consent and their decision will not affect their position on waiting lists. Professor Browning, 55, a father of three, based at Glasgow's Gartnavel General Hospital, stopped operating in December 1994 after being diagnosed HIV-positive.

His work has since been restricted to lectures and outpatient clinics. He made his condition public after a newspaper named the wrong surgeon as being infected. Yesterday he said that he welcomed his employers' decision and did not find the restrictions onerous. Although other surgeons may be operating with the virus, he was the first to be known about publicly.

He hoped his situation would encourage other infected medical staff to come forward, not least to get treatment. "Unfortunately, I know of other healthcare workers who are infected and I would have thought this decision today would encourage them not to hide the fact, but to come forward," he said.

Professor Browning, who described himself as being in "superb health", is expected to resume surgical work in his specialism of otology, highly complex middle-ear operations, before Christmas. He will do up to 75 operations a year, about 80 per cent of his previous workload.

His work will be monitored and his health checked each month. He will not be allowed to do any nose or throat surgery, or any operations where there is extensive use of scalpels or manual manipulation, or where there could be a risk of complications. His work will be carried out using the "no-touch" technique, with long-handled microsurgical instruments which probe about 3cm into the ear canal. Any sharp tools will be passed back to theatre staff indirectly, using a dish or tray.

Professor Browning said: "It has been an educational past two years. There have been times when one really has wondered if all the fuss is really worth it and the easy option is to just forget it.

"One of the things that has actually kept me going, and has been extremely influential on the board coming to this decision, has been the very obvious patient support. If there had not been patient support then I don't know if they [the board] would have reached this decision." He said that, over the past nine months, when he had raised the question with patients, he had been "absolutely delighted" by their response. "The vast majority have been only too keen that I operate on them," he said. But he acknowledged that some might have objections in the future.

The decision to allow Professor Browning to resume surgery was announced by West Glasgow Hospitals University NHS Trust. The trust board was advised by the Department of Health's Advisory Panel for healthcare workers infected with bloodborne viruses.

Derek Mason, the board chairman, said it had reached a unanimous decision that Professor Browning resuming his work would present "no measurable risk" to patients or staff. He said that the decision was "significant" for other trusts who found themselves in a similar situation.

JEFF MITCHELL

Professor Browning: hopes move will help other infected staff to come forward

Clerk fired for keeping his wife out of court

A COURT official used his own sense of justice when his wife was summoned over a £30 fine on a car she no longer owned. Gavin Wilson had the case adjourned twice.

His decision cost him his £25,000-a-year job as magistrates' clerk at Pontypridd, Rhondda. Yesterday an industrial tribunal rejected his claim of unfair dismissal, ruling that he had been guilty of gross misconduct.

The tribunal at Cardiff was told that Susan Wilson was wrongly sent a number of parking tickets for a Ford Orion in the weeks after she sold it to a photographer, Paul Griffiths. He agreed to pay, but was abroad at the time of the summons for not paying a £30 fine. He wrote to the tribunal saying: "I let Mrs Wilson down."

Mr Wilson, 41, said: "I adjourned the case on the basis that Mr Griffiths paid previous fines. I was hoping justice would be done. I adjourned it a second time because my wife was ill and I wanted to save her the embarrassment of being arrested."

Farha Tul-ain and a packet of water bombs

Call for ban on lethal child's toy

By Paul Wilkinson

A TINY child's toy was described as lethal by doctors yesterday after a six-month-old baby died and a seven-year-old girl was left on a life support machine.

The children accidentally swallowed the water bomb: a 2½in rubber balloon available for a few pence at scores of corner shops nationwide. They are intended to be filled with water then thrown.

Doctors at Bradford Royal Infirmary decided to speak out after dealing with two incidents in the past fortnight. In the first, on October 30, Farha Tul-ain, six months, died after stuffing the balloon in her mouth at her home in Lidget Green, Bradford. A verdict of accidental death was recorded at her inquest. Her father, Tariq, has called for the toy to be banned from sale.

In the second incident, last Sunday, the seven-year-old girl inhaled the balloon after apparently trying to blow it up. She is critically ill in the hospital's intensive care unit.

Tony Shenton, head of the accident and emergency department, said: "If these water bombs are accidentally inhaled, they are exactly then right size to 'sit' on a child's vocal chords and obstruct the windpipe. They have the shape, look and texture of a mini-balloon."

West Yorkshire's Trading Standards Service has begun an investigation. Paul Cooper, its head of fair trading and safety, said the product was widely available. Packs of 20 sold for as little as 25p. He declined to indentify the water bomb importers as the inquiry had just been launched and, so far, only one importer had been traced.

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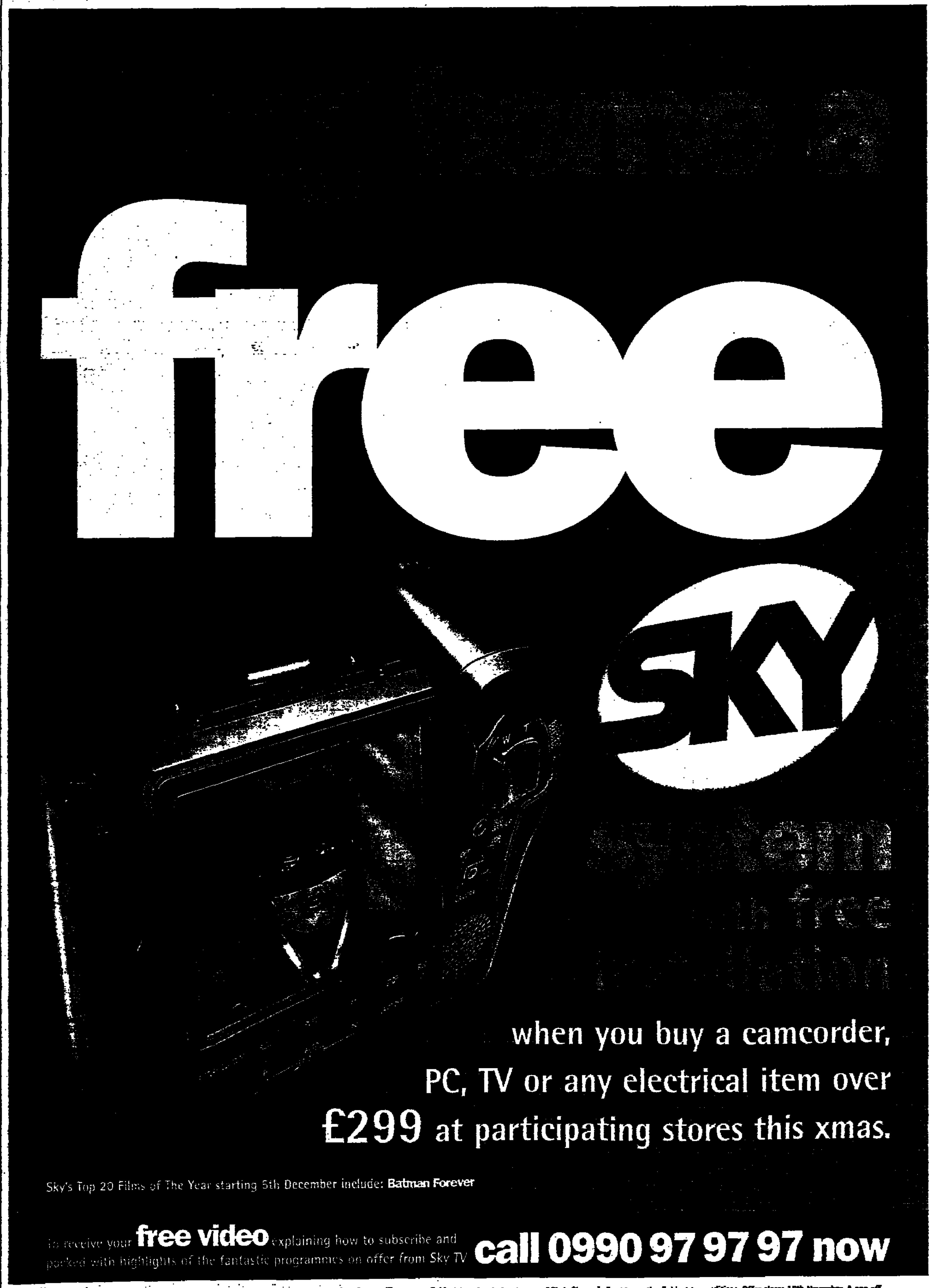

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Blair warns Chirac against more EU workplace rules

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR will warn Jacques Chirac today that a Labour government would resist any further directives from Brussels on employment conditions.

Although he will tell the French president at a meeting in Paris this morning that he backs the maximum 48-hour working week, he will argue that "there is no appetite among other countries" for a series of further regulations.

The Labour leader's visit will coincide with planned strikes on the Paris metro, the railways, the French press and banks. Most of the industrial action has been prompted by attempts to meet the economic convergence criteria for a single currency.

Mr Blair's position is in line with Gordon Brown's comments this week, when he reassured businessmen that Labour would veto any extension of majority voting on the European Union's social chapter. It also reflects Labour unease that the Prime Minister's tough stand on the 48-hour week may have found favour with the public.

Before he left for Paris yesterday, Mr Blair said that the row over the working time directive on the 48-hour week had been hugely overblown. "Any civilised country would have such measures regardless of whether it had been agreed by member states. Nor does it harbour any great new raft of legislation.

"There is no appetite among other countries for a vast amount of new labour regulations. There must be minimum standards at work but new Labour's case for a new global economy needs a different approach to the labour market."

Mr Blair is bound to come under pressure from M Chirac to spell out Labour's position on a single currency after reports that a Labour government might not join the first wave of countries. Both France and Germany were hoping that a Labour government would support their attempts to adopt the euro in 1999. But Labour leadership sources have recently argued that this may not be practical.

Yesterday Mr Blair maintained Labour's policy line. He said that a single currency could be of benefit but there were still obstacles. "A decision will be made in our economic interests with the consent of the people, either through a referendum or through an election."

Asked specifically about entering the first wave, he said: "This is feasible but there are obstacles."

Mr Blair also tried to exploit the Tory party infighting over Europe. He said that Mr Major's determination to declare war on Europe over the 48-hour week had opened the "in or out" debate in the Tory party he said. Senior backbenchers were now calling for the Treaty of Rome to be renegotiated with Britain out of Europe altogether.

"That would be a disaster for investment and jobs and the people know it," Mr Blair said, but he warned of the dangers of Mr Major's obstructive tactics. "There is no point in being in and permanently paralysed by seeking isolation as a badge of honour. If it is right to be isolated from time to time, fine. I will be isolated — but it is folly to pursue this as a central objective."

Mr Blair will meet both M Chirac and Alain Juppé, the prime minister, for discussions on Zaire, the inter-governmental conference on Europe and the beef crisis. He will also address businessmen at a lunch today, where he will emphasise the need for caution on extra labour market regulations.

Poll shows renewed faith in Clarke

BY PETER RIDDELL

KENNETH CLARKE has substantially improved his personal rating with the public over the past year, to the highest level for a Chancellor since the last general election, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*.

During his first two years as Chancellor, when taxes were being raised, Mr Clarke was very unpopular. In December 1994, the net balance of those satisfied less dissatisfied with the way he was doing his job was minus 53 points. By the end of last year, it was minus 29 points and it has now improved to minus 4 points. This is the best rating for any Chancellor since March 1991.

Satisfaction with Mr Clarke's performance rises as you move up the social and income scale. His rating is plus 12 points among the middle classes and minus 20 points among the working classes. There is also a marked gender gap, possibly in part reflecting Mr Clarke's "blokish" beer-drinking image. His rating is plus 3 points among men, while, by contrast, John Major's rating among men is minus 17.

There has also been a marked shift in opinion about the Government's handling of the economy. According to a question asked by MORI every year about the time of the Budget, the balance of those agreeing, less disagreeing, that in the long term the Government's policies will improve the state of the economy was minus 39 points at the end of last year, but has since narrowed to minus 18 points. This is the most favourable rating since March 1992, just before the last election.

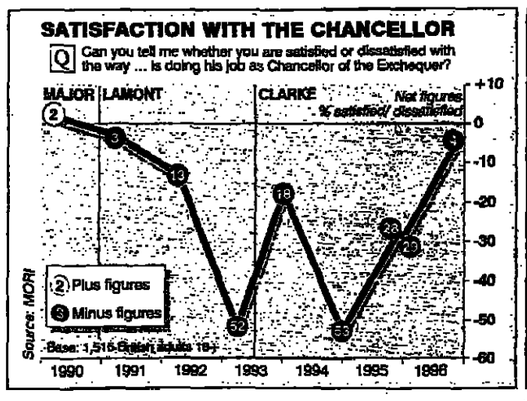
Whereas the net balance on this question was minus 18 points for the public as a whole, key swing groups of voters were more pessimistic about the impact of government policy on the economy in the long term — minus 36 points among those who have deserted the Tories since the last election and minus 63 points among those who have swung behind Labour since 1992.

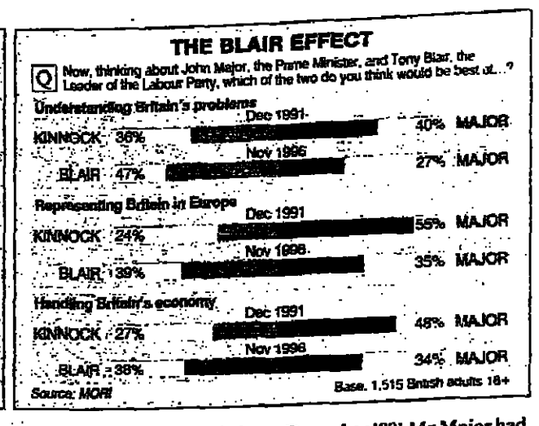
The poll also shows how Tony Blair has reversed the lead which John Major enjoyed over Neil Kinnock in late 1991, before the last election, on understanding Britain's problems, representing Britain in Europe and handling the economy.

In December 1991, Mr Major had a lead on all three; now, Mr Blair does. This reflects two interlinked changes: first, a decline in the number thinking that Mr Major would handle these issues best; and, second, an increase in the proportion thinking Mr Blair would be best as compared with Mr Kinnock five years ago.

Consequently, whereas in December 1991 Mr Major had a lead of four points over Mr Kinnock on understanding Britain's problems, now Mr Blair has a 20-point lead. The biggest shift has been on representing Britain in Europe, where Mr Major's 31-point lead five years ago has been turned into a four-point lead for Mr Blair. On handling the economy, Mr Major's 21-point lead has been turned into a four-point lead for Mr Blair. There have been above-average shifts among the middle classes and 18 to 34-year-olds.

☐ *MORI interviewed 1,515 adults at 152 sampling points from November 8 to 11.*





Tories must play the prosperity card

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The Tories are recovering in the polls, but the pick-up is patchy and gradual. Recent polls have been sending apparently contradictory signals, but the underlying trends are clear — and offer only slim hopes for the Tories.

The Labour lead has been between 15 and 28 points — partly because of differences in the way the polls are compiled. There has been controversy over the sampling base: whether too many Labour supporters were included in the last MORI poll two weeks ago when the party was shown at 56 per cent, against 50 per cent now. When people were asked how they had voted in 1992, 37 per cent said Labour at the end of October, against 30 per cent for the Tories. When Labour is doing well, some people forget their past vote, particularly if they backed the Liberal Democrats, so there tends to be a rise in mentions of Labour when its *current* support rises. Moreover, the high Labour rating two weeks ago was in line with some other polls at the time. It is possible that the earlier polls were taken at a time of particular Labour strength, whereas the latest poll has come at a time of Tory strength. This might exaggerate the change between polls.

However, looking over a longer period, which should iron out short-term fluctuations, there has been a slow rise in Tory support and a slight decline in Labour's rating — but only of about one percentage point a quarter. This still leaves a huge gap for the Tories to bridge by spring. Recent polls point to a squeeze in the national level of Liberal Democrat support which *could* affect its regional hopes.

There are a few favourable signs for the Tories, such as a recovery in the MORI economic optimism index since the spring and a lessening in public hostility towards the Government and John Major. But the change is only by comparison with previous record low ratings.

The much discussed "feel-good" factor is helping the Tories but it has not yet offset other less favourable influences. There has been a reversal in the public's ratings of the party leaders compared with before the last election. While Mr Major was ahead of Neil Kinnock on every key measure in 1991, Mr Blair is ahead now. The Tories as a party are also seen as extreme, out-of-touch and divided, just as Labour was in the past.

It is significant that health and education are now rated as the two most important issues facing Britain today for all groups except the unskilled working class (for whom unemployment remains top). The number of mentions of education has risen from 30 per cent at the beginning of the year to 42 per cent now. The NHS and education are issues where Labour is far ahead of the Tories as the party having the best policies.

The best line for the Tories is to plug away at the improvement in the economy and to underline worries about what Labour might do. While voters are impressed by Mr Blair personally, they remain uncertain about his policies: in particular whether he would be able to avoid an increase in taxes. However, as today's poll suggests, voters are not demanding cuts in income tax.

The issue is rather which party would generate prosperity. Swing voters — those who have switched away from the Tories since 1992 and those who have started backing Labour — are more optimistic about the economy than people generally. However, both groups are much more pessimistic than the public as a whole about whether in the long term the Government's policies will improve the state of Britain's economy. The Tories have to change this view by next spring if they are to have a hope of staying in office.

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IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons: debate on rail privatisation; backbench debate on televised pornography. The House of Lords is not sitting.

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Patten asks Kohl to relax entry for colony's citizens

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

CHRIS PATTEN, the Governor of Hong Kong, yesterday held an astonishing two-hour conversation with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, in an attempt to persuade Bonn to give Hong Kong citizens visa-free access to Germany.

The meeting, which came on the eve of a trip to China by President Herzog, was something of a triumph for Mr Patten, who is touring European capitals to promote the cause of Hong Kong. Scheduled for 45 minutes, the talks ran on for two-and-a-half hours — an almost unprecedented event — and the Chancellor earlier reportedly showed lively interest in the details of the handover of the British colony next year.

"It was a good, cordial, intelligent meeting and the Chancellor showed himself to be both knowledgeable and interested in China and Hong Kong," said Mr Patten, who went on to see Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister.

At stake is the freedom of movement of about three million people who will hold so-called special administrative region passports from July. Britain has guaranteed such passport-holders visa-free entry but is keen that they secure similar privileges throughout the European Union.

Freedom of travel is regarded as the key not only to Hong Kong's prosperity, but also to its future position within China. Germany has a visa régime, albeit quite a liberal one, for people from British dependencies and it is clear that Bonn will not be able to scrap visas entirely for travellers from Hong Kong. However, the key distinction will be between Hong Kong and Chinese passport-holders. German officials seem to think this will be possible.

The hope is that the Germans will be able to persuade France, visited by Mr Patten earlier this week, and other EU states of the need for a liberal or even visa-free policy towards Hong Kong. However, Mr Patten yesterday emphasised that the decision should be up to individual member states.

Germany, as Europe's biggest trading partner with China, seems to stumble from one controversy to another in its relations with Peking. The central question is how far human rights abuses should influence trade. The Chancellor came in for domestic criticism when he visited a Chinese Army barracks and other issues have dogged relations for the past 18 months. Only after a recent visit to Peking by Herr Kinkel were relations declared to be on a "normal footing" again.

This sensitivity also affects Bonn's attitudes towards Hong Kong and may make the Germans rather hesitant lobbyists for the colony.

Mr Patten spent time explaining how the Chinese Army would be involved in the transition period. He said only a small number of unarmed soldiers would be allowed to prepare barrack buildings before the handover.

☐ **Deportations change:** Germany's lower house of parliament passed a draft law making it easier to deport foreigners convicted of violence. It was prompted by clashes between militant Kurds and police earlier this year, in which hundreds of people were injured. *(Reuter)*

Fireworks blast kills children

Hong Kong: An explosion at an illegal fireworks factory in China killed 13 children and injured 16, the China News Service reported yesterday.

The children, aged between 7 and 14, were in a locked courtyard in Taupeng village in Anhui province, employed by the factory during their vacation to cut costs. Instead of rescuing the children, co-owner Liu Ya salvaged his property and fled but was arrested four days later, the report said. (AP)

WILL BURGESS/REUTER

Chinese hostesses in traditional dresses watch a multiscreen telecast of Lady Thatcher addressing the international conference in Peking yesterday

Thatcher attacks China's treatment of activists

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

BARONESS THATCHER told China's leaders yesterday in Peking that their persecution of dissidents had shocked the world.

Her rebuke came as China's supreme court rejected an appeal against the death penalty for bribery imposed last week on Zhou Beifang, the son of a close friend of Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader.

In the closing speech to an international conference called "China and the World: Partners in Economic Progress Towards the 21st Century," sponsored by the *International Herald Tribune*, Lady Thatcher said: "The recent harsh sentences imposed on Mr Wei and Mr Wang have caused dismay in the wider world." She was referring to Wei Jingsheng, jailed for 14 years in 1995 after being freed briefly on completion of a 14-year sentence, and to Wang Dan, jailed two weeks ago for 11 years. He had previously served almost four years.

Wei first came to international attention in 1979 at Peking's Democracy Wall, where he condemned Mr Deng as little better than Mao Tse-tung. Wang, a student leader during the Tiananmen Square uprising, was at the top of China's most-wanted list after the 1989 crackdown. Neither man was willing to keep silent after their release and both were reconfined for counter-revolution and sedition.

The rejection of the appeal by Zhou means he will have to serve his two-year suspended jail sentence and face the possibility of execution in 1998 unless he has shown what the authorities consider a good attitude. Zhou is the son of Zhou Guanwu, the former chairman of the giant Shougang Iron and Steel complex in Peking, whose retirement almost two years ago preceded only by days the arrest of his son on huge bribery charges. The elder Mr Zhou had been an army comrade of Mr Deng before 1949, and his son became a senior executive in Shougang's Hong Kong arm.

The appeal court disclosed that the younger Zhou had avoided immediate execution by repaying $1.2 million (£812,500) in bribes. It said he had given $144,000 in bribes to obtain permission for his wife and daughter to move to Hong Kong.

☐ **Peking:** Judges will hear Wang's appeal against his 11-year sentence today, although his mother has no hope of a repeal. Officials of the higher level people's court notified his family yesterday about the hearing. *(Reuter)*

Potholers lay claim to cave art

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

TWO years after they came across a fabulous array of prehistoric wall paintings in a cave in southern France, three potholers are locked in a bitter legal battle with the Government over the rights to the discovery.

In December 1994 the three cavers, led by Jean-Marie Chauvet, an official of the French archaeological service, penetrated 1,600ft into a system of underground caves near Avignon in the Ardèche valley and came across one of the world's greatest collections of Ice Age art.

Along the walls were more than 300 images of horses, rhinoceroses, lions, hyenas, panthers and other animals, probably painted more than 30,000 years ago.

The potholers filmed and photographed the find and then dutifully reported their discovery to the authorities. The news of the prehistoric art in "Chauvet cave" was released a few weeks later, and the beautifully executed paintings, considered comparable to those at Lascaux, in the Dordogne, were reproduced around the world.

Paintings of buffaloes and horses in the "Chauvet cave"

The potholers now say the French Government has fraudulently laid claim to the discovery while the Culture Ministry has made about £1 million by selling the rights to their photographs and film.

The three owners of the land above the cave are also demanding that the state pay them Fr70 million (£9 million) in compensation for expropriating the site. So far, the Government has offered just Fr8,000 to each of the owners.

The discovery of the cave was announced in the midst of a presidential election and a lawyer for the potholers claims the Government "wanted to take credit for this exploit at any price".

The Culture Ministry claimed copyright to the nine-minute film made by the discoverers, and then sold on rights to television stations at Fr3,000 a minute, while their collection of photographs was offered for reproduction at Fr14,000.

"We had no intention of making a profit out of our discovery, but after the way the Government has failed to keep its word and made money out of us, we decided to defend ourselves," M Chauvet and his two companions told *Le Figaro* yesterday.

The issue of rights ownership, now the subject of a legal dispute, hinges on whether or not M Chauvet was acting on behalf of the Government when he came across the cave.

The keen potholer was at that time employed by the Culture Ministry as a "curator" of the Ardèche caves, but he claims the discovery was made in his own time, as part of a personal hobby and had nothing to do with the Government.

The Government has produced a document purporting to show that M Chauvet was granted an official "temporary prospecting licence" to explore and catalogue the caves.

Krenz to give up passport

Berlin: A court here issued arrest warrants yesterday against Egon Krenz, East Germany's last hardline Communist leader, and three of his deputies to stop them leaving the country.

The court, trying the four men for manslaughter, upheld the request by prosecutors who said a higher court ruling that East German leaders could be jailed for border killings made it more likely they would flee. The four must surrender their passports. *(Reuter)*

Delhi airport radar 'outdated'

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

THE investigations into Tuesday's mid-air plane collision near Delhi are focusing on whether ageing radars and outdated safety procedures contributed to the world's third worst aviation disaster. Sophisticated air traffic control systems were to have been installed at the city's international airport in 1993, but much of the equipment has been gathering dust in an airport building.

Air traffic controllers use manual techniques and 20-year-old radars to monitor intensive commercial air traffic around Indira Gandhi International Airport, where traffic has increased substantially in recent years. A multi-million-pound scheme to modernise systems at Delhi and Bombay has been delayed by rising costs. The new radars would have a range of 250 nautical miles, compared with the present system's range of 60 nautical miles.

The cost of upgrading equipment at Delhi and Bombay has risen to more than £70 million. There has been union resistance to some of the planned changes. The new equipment would show the altitude of aircraft instead of just the direction and distance, as at present. Pilots and air traffic controllers have frequently demanded the installation of secondary surveillance radar to give the altitudes of aircraft, arguing that air traffic was rising on average by 10 per cent a year at Delhi.

Indian authorities are preparing mass funerals next Tuesday for most of the dead.

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Zaire tragedy: can the world save a million

Confused refugees mass on the *shore of Lake Kivu in Zaire*, condemned to endure yet another eruption of hatred. Once again the dark heart of the continent is at the centre of the world stage. Once again Central Africa is a byword for famine, suffering, cruelty and indescribable horror.

Sam Kiley, *our Africa* correspondent, has been reporting from the front line of the Hutu-Tutsi ethnic conflict for the past three years. He has witnessed terrible events and reported on the complete collapse of civil society. His vivid accounts of war, famine and brutality have put *The Times* at the forefront of international coverage of the conflict.

Continent plunges into new horror

As hundreds of thousands of *refugees — the innocent and the* guilty — flee the horrors of war and starvation, sucking in the international community, *The Times* offers unsurpassed coverage from the front line and our bureaux worldwide. And, for a wider perspective, **Michael Binyon**, Our *Diplomatic Editor*, explains the historical background to the latest crisis.

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refugees trapped in the heart of darkness?

Fresh rebel attack on Hutus drives fugitives into arms of voodoo militia

Dithering by world leaders is playing into the hands of rebels bent on Mobutu's overthrow, **Sam Kiley** writes from Goma

EAST ZAIRE'S rebels battled with Rwandan Hutu extremists on the edge of Mugunga camp yesterday, forcing thousands of civilians closer to voodoo warriors in the west.

The rebels fired several rockets at the Hutu militia holed up in the camp. Locals said they were close to overrunning its outer perimeter in fighting which continued for most of yesterday.

Zairean refugees who escaped Sake, ten miles west of Mugunga, said the town was under the control of the Mai Mai, a mystical militia which believes its soldiers are bulletproof. Dressed in white paint and monkey skins, and otherwise naked, the Mai Mai have emerged as a bizarre but important third force.

Cherabala Lwaboshi, a farmer who escaped Sake on a banana boat to Goma yesterday, said the Mai Mai had allowed "many thousands" of Rwandan Hutu civilians to flee west from Mugunga through Sake. They were apparently heading for the rich and fertile Masisi area 50 miles away.

"They won't let anyone out with arms. They say the people can leave if they put down their guns," said Mr Lwaboshi. This policy plays directly into the hands of the rebels who want Mugunga's civilians out of the way. Their aim is to destroy the *interahamwe*, the Rwandan Hutu militia behind the 1994 genocide of a million Tutsis and moderate Hutus.

The Mai Mai make odd comrades for the rebels, many of whom are Tutsis, because they have slaughtered hundreds of Tutsis around Sake in the last few weeks.

They do, however, have the advantage of hating Rwandan Hutus, too. This stems from attempts earlier this year by Rwandan Hutu refugees to create a "Hutu homeland" in Masisi. They slaughtered thousands of indigenous Tutsis and members of the Hunde tribe.

Yesterday world leaders dithered over the mandate for an international military force for humanitarian intervention in east Zaire. The delay was to the advantage of the rebels whose aim is to rid the region of the Hutu militia, and overthrow Zaire's President Mobutu.

Aid groups reacted positively to the rebel moves. Mike McDonagh, director of Concern International in nearby Goma, said that if the rebels attacked the camps would "dissolve".

"The UN troops have no intention of getting in harm's way. I think the people who hold this area [the rebels] will launch an attack in the next 24 to 48 hours. Despite the fact that some innocent people would be killed, the matter will be resolved once and for all," he said.

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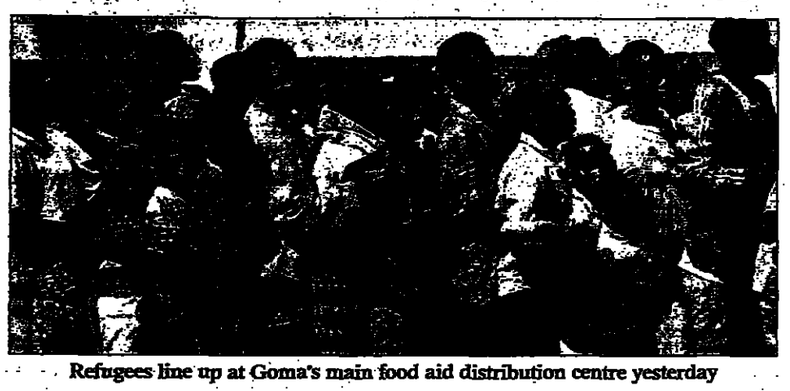

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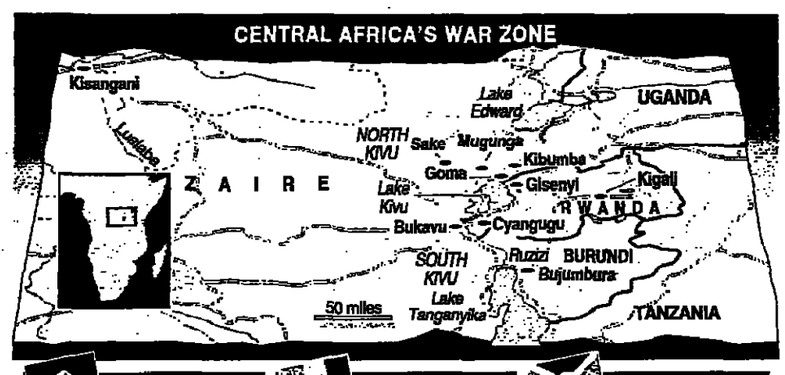

ZAIRE

Formerly The Belgian Congo

1877: Explorer Henry Stanley reaches the mouth of the Congo river. King Leopold II of the Belgians takes the lead in exploring and exploiting the Congo Basin.
1884-5: The Berlin Conference recognises Leopold II as the sovereign head of the Congo Free State.
1908: The country is annexed to Belgium as the Belgian Congo.
1960: June 30; Congo granted independence, Patrice Lumumba becomes the first prime minister. Deposed in September. The departure of large numbers of Belgian administrators, teachers, doctors etc. leaves a vacuum which speedily causes chaos. Force of 20,000 despatched to Congo after Lumumba and Kasavubu call for UN intervention.
1961: January; Lumumba killed, reportedly by the Katanga province tribes.
1965: Military coup. General Mobutu Sese Seko overthrows sitting president Joseph Kasavubu.
1971: October; name changed from Congo to Zaire.
1991: Following doting by unpaid soldiers and discontented citizens President Mobutu agrees political opposition should form a government.
1992-5 Ailing Mobutu and opposition locked in power struggle.

RWANDA

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1959-61: Hutu uprising destroys the Tutsi feudal hierarchy.
1961: Elections and referendum under auspices of UN.
1962: July 1; UN recognises Rwanda as a republic. Kayibanda head of state.
1973: Kayibanda deposed and replaced by a military government under Major-General Habyarimana who establishes a one-party state.
1960s-70s-80s: Tutsi exiles make repeated failed attemps to invade Rwanda. Continued Tutsi-Hutu conflicts leave hundreds of thousands dead.
1990: Rebel Tutsi forces of the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) invade from Uganda forcing the end of one-party government. Fighting continues into 1993 despite ceasefires in 1991 and 1992.
1993: Arusha peace accord provides for transitional period under a broad-based government.
1994: April; President Habyarimana killed when his plane crashes, reportedly shot down by extremist Hutus. The Hutu army then carry out pre-planned genocide against Tutsi minority. Up to 1 million people massacred in three months. Thousands of Hutus flee to Zaire, Burundi and Tanzania as Tutsi (RPF) takes control. July 1994; RPF declare a government of national unity which includes moderate Hutus.

BURUNDI

Former part of German East Africa administered by Belgium

1890: Territory incorporated into German East Africa
From 1919: Burundi forms part of Ruanda-Urundi administered by the Belgians.
1962: July 1; granted independence.
1966: July; Prince Charles Ndizeye deposes his father Mwambutsa IV, and makes Captain Michel Micombero prime minister. November; Micombero declares Burundi a republic.
1972: April; Micombero dissolves Council of Ministers and takes full power. Fighting breaks out between rebels from Burundi and neighbouring countries and the ruling Tutsi. An estimated 120,000 die. July; Micombero reinstates a government with prime minister.
1976: November 1; Micombero deposed by the army.
1987: September 3; President Bagaza deposed by army. October 1; Pierre Buyoya assumes presidency.
1965, 1969, 1972, 1988: Ethnic massacres as Hutus attempt to overthrow ruling Tutsis.
1993: June; Melchior Ndadaye, a Hutu, elected president. October; Tutsi dominated army attempts coup. Ndadaye killed and racial fighting restarts.
1995: Despite formation of a coalition government in 1994 ethnic fighting continues.

UN urged to send aid to Rwanda

By Richard Owen in Rome and Our Foreign Staff

ZAIRE yesterday stunned United Nations officials by saying international aid was not wanted there and should instead be distributed in Rwanda and Burundi "to encourage refugees to go home".

Mutumbo Bakafwa Nsenda, deputy Prime Minister, told the UN World Food Summit the two countries had shown nothing but "indifference, ingratitude and even scorn" towards Zaire for giving refuge to thousands of Hutus and Tutsis.

"The fate of a million human beings is being played out amid the total indifference both of the international community and of the governments of the places these people are from", he said. Zaire was "launching a pressing appeal ... that all urgent action and all humanitarian aid destined for the refugees is delivered and distributed in their countries of origin".

The World Food Programme said that despite Zaire's objections, the organisation was ready to airdrop 100 tonnes of food a day to refugees in eastern Zaire "once the area is secured militarily". However, airdrops meant there would be no control of distribution.

An aid group yesterday retracted a suggestion of cholera among Rwandan refugees in eastern Zaire. Erick Bozurco, the spokesman for Argentina's Doctors in Catastrophes, said: "It is now believed to be ... another type of diarrhoeal disease."

South African military personnel arrived in Tanzania yesterday to discuss how Pretoria could contribute to peacekeeping.

☐ Kinshasa: Two bystanders died when Zairean soldiers opened fire on a Reuter cameraman in the eastern city of Kisangani. Marc Hoogsteyns was not hit but was beaten up.

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Bitter experience in Somalia will shape relief effort

Michael Evans, defence correspondent on the perils of peacekeeping

The Mogadishu syndrome will hang threateningly over the latest multinational humanitarian mission for Africa, as nations decide what contribution to make towards the relief operation in eastern Zaire.

The experience of American forces in Somalia in 1992-3 stands as a permanent warning to all the countries now suddenly jumping on the "must-do-something" bandwagon and offering troops for Zaire. Instead of focusing on a specific humanitarian role in Somalia, the Americans tried to solve all the country's civil war problems and paid with 18 lives.

Already, there are calls for the Zaire force to separate and disarm the Rwandan Hutu extremist militiamen from the refugees encamped in eastern Zaire. Aid agencies argue that the refugee problem will not be solved until the militia have their weapons removed.

American attempts to disarm the Somali factions led to confrontations that went beyond the United Nations mandate. The Somalia and Zaire missions, however, will have one vital common denominator. Authorisation for the multinational intervention force comes under Chapter 7 of the UN Charter which empowers the troops to take whatever measures are necessary to implement the mandate. It is enforcement, not peacekeeping.

Like Somalia, and unlike the humanitarian force sent to the former Yugoslavia, the multinational force for Zaire will not wear blue berets, although they will be sent with the authority of the UN.

There are an estimated six million AK47 rifles in central Africa where Hutu and Tutsi have been feuding for decades. And, to add to these ingredients, the French who will be participating in the multinational force, carry with them colonial baggage which could put at risk the efforts of the relief operation. France's links with the former Hutu-led regime in Rwanda, and its support for the administration of President Mobutu of Zaire make its participation highly sensitive.

For Britain and the other countries which have decided, after much reluctance, to send troops, a number of key questions have to be resolved: should the mission be strictly humanitarian, how flexible should the rules of engagement be to protect troops from rebel fire, will the command structure be sufficiently robust with the Canadians in charge, and the Americans in a secondary role, will there be a credible African force available to take over responsibility after three or four months; and what are the physical challenges of deploying a large force into a landlocked country where the political leadership is weak and unreliable?

Geography and time will limit the equipment that can be sent to Zaire. Since the nearest port is 1,000 miles away, heavy equipment such as armoured personnel carriers, will have to be airlifted in by American transport aircraft. It will be a huge operation.

The lessons of Bosnia-Herzegovina will have to be remembered: delivering humanitarian supplies in a war zone where the unpredictable was around every corner led to firefights, ambushes and humiliating hijacks in which British soldiers were forced to hand over their weapons.

Under Chapter 7 of the UN Charter, the multinational troops will have tougher rules of engagement than the hapless UN soldiers sent initially to Bosnia; they were allowed to open fire only in self-defence. Potentially, the soldiers going to Zaire will be able to fire first. However, they are not being sent there to take on rebel militia but to save lives.

Confrontation would be risky and could prolong the mission, something the British Government is clearly anxious to avoid. The British contributions to the missions in Angola last year and Rwanda in 1994 were successfully completed within six months.

The positive aspect of this latest venture is that Britain and other Nato countries now have a wealth of post-Cold War peacekeeping and humanitarian experience which should help to mould an effective force.

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Bloodshed, greed and intrigue fashioned former Belgian Congo out of jungle straddling the Equator

West remains wary of going back into sinister quagmire

MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, ON THE ROOTS OF THE CONFLICT IN CENTRAL AFRICA

IN WESTERN minds Zaire is for ever fixed as the heart of darkness. Since Stanley explored the vast jungle straddling the Equator, the former Belgian Congo has acquired a sinister reputation, further blackened by Conrad's searing exposé of greed, exploitation and sheer evil.

Belgium's record was abysmal in the Congo, the size of Western Europe and the richest and worst administered colony in Africa. It was once the personal fiefdom of the rapacious King Léopold II. The plunder of its riches, the failure to train Congolese senior civil servants and the precipitous departure in 1960 plunged the country into immediate civil war. Zaire was born amid bloodshed and confusion.

The chaos at independence presented the United Nations with its greatest military and political challenge since the Korean War. It barely survived, paralysed by the resulting bitter East-West rift. UN intervention cost millions of pounds, hundreds of casualties and took the life, in a plane crash, of Dag Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General.

The slaughter of civilians, the rape of nuns, the marauding of European mercenaries and the intrigues of the Soviet Union, the CIA and Western mining interests left an indelible impression of bloodshed and bungling that has haunted the West and the UN.

As the fighting dragged on, weariness overtook the early optimistic efforts to separate warring tribes: the famed remark by a BBC reporter running up to the lorries carrying nuns rescued from the jungle summed up the horror and the cynicism: "Is there anyone here who's been raped and speaks English?"

Small wonder, therefore, that the world is so wary of returning.

The crisis began within days of Belgium granting independence on June 30, 1960. African troops mutinied against their Belgian officers and went on the rampage in the capital, Léopoldville, now Kinshasa. The new Prime Minister, Patrice Lumumba, dismissed the Belgian officers and appointed a former journalist, Joseph Mobutu, as Army Chief of Staff. Belgium rushed in 10,000 paratroopers. They restored order, but so intense was the hatred of their presence that the UN agreed to intervene.

Hammarskjöld prepared a "stop-gap" plan to send forces drawn initially from Africa. Commanded by General Carl van Horn, they arrived in mid-July, but were immediately opposed by Lumumba. Days before their arrival, the southern mineral-rich province of Katanga, now Shaba, declared independence. Backed by the huge mining interests of the Belgian-owned firm Union Minière and 20,000 Europeans living there, Moše Tshombe, the premier, refused permission for UN forces to land.

Lumumba, a leftwinger bitterly opposed to Belgium and the West, was unable to control the country or regain control of Elisabethville, the Katangan capital. Rioting and looting spread. The UN forces were increased to 5,000 men, as Ethiopians, Swedes, Moroccans and Irish forces, seeing action for the first time, were flown in. The Americans provided transport.

Food in the capital was short as communications were paralysed. Faced by the refusal of Belgium to withdraw troops as long as its citizens were held hostage and in danger, Lumumba threatened to call for Soviet help.

A distraught man emerges from his car to plead with Indian troops advancing on Jadotville, in the former Belgian Congo, in 1963. His wife and a friend inside the car had just been killed when the soldiers attacked the vehicle

More troops arrived from Canada, Indonesia, Egypt, Pakistan and Malaya. At their height the UN forces numbered 19,800 from 30 countries. They were largely ineffective, however, lacking equipment, weapons, ammunition or a clear mandate. They could not reach the interior or prevent atrocities. One group of 13 Italian airmen was slaughtered and, amid widespread horror, some troops were reportedly eaten by cannibals. Hammarskjöld and Ralph Bunche, the UN Assistant Secretary-General, shuttled between Léopoldville and Elisabethville, but could not end the rebellion or rifts in the Congolese Government.

Amid the confusion, General Mobutu staged a coup against Lumumba, and the President, Joseph Kasavubu, installed a military junta. Lumumba was held under house arrest. The Russians denounced the entire UN operation and demanded that Hammarskjöld resign. Lumumba slipped away from his UN guard, trying to reach his base in a provincial town; he was captured by General Mobutu's forces, and executed a few months later. The West, and the CIA in particular, were blamed. Six left-wing countries withdrew their forces in protest.

The UN forces at first had no mandate to intervene in the growing civil war; but in 1961 the Security Council authorised it to use force. Gradually the country was pacified, although not Katanga. White mercenaries, employed by Tshombe, terrorised the rest of the country as they fought for Katangan independence and prevented the arrival of UN forces. Among the most notorious was "Mad" Mike Hoare.

In September 1961, Hammarskjöld was urged to negotiate with the Katangans; but on his way to meet Tshombe in Northern Rhodesia, his plane crashed. The war dragged on, but in January 1963 Tshombe surrendered. UN forces left in June 1964; the operation had cost about $10 million a month — a huge sum in 1960. Tshombe became Prime Minister of a united country, only to lose power to General Mobutu in a 1965 coup. Katangan rebels withdrew to Angola, harrying the Congo for years.

General Mobutu changed the country's name to Zaire in 1971. Consolidating his grip through manipulation of tribal loyalties, he bought off opposition using the huge personal funds he has accumulated, largely from the nationalised mines.

Growing corruption, mismanagement and the neglect of infrastructure led to periodic rebellion. Four years ago there was a virtual coup by the Government, which refused to recognise his authority. However, he changed the currency, effectively bankrupting his enemies. His brutal use of troops, sent to smash shops and harass civilians, shook the opposition: the "dual government" was ended with the appointment of a compromise Prime Minister, Leon Kengo wa Dondo, still in power.

The Congo saw the epitome of Fleet Street buccaneering. Journalists were often in great danger, accused of being spies, and their reports could be crucial to the political outcome. Despite a barely functioning telegraph network, no expense was spared. In one typical exchange, the *Daily Express* cabled George Gale, its correspondent:

"*MAIL'S* YOUNGHUSBAND UPSHOT REBELS REDWISE STOP WHY YOU UNSHOT QUERY."

He explained by Telex that Younghusband had a monopoly on the only light aircraft available. The *Express* snapped back:

"WHY YOU UNBUY PLANE QUERY EDITOR DEMANDS EXPLANATION STOP."

Gale chartered a plane, and the race for scoops was on.

US intervention risks Clinton's policy agenda

BRONWEN MADDOX, ON THE ROLE OF AMERICA IN AFRICA AND OTHER WORLD TROUBLE SPOTS

AS THE American 508th Airborne Infantry Regiment prepares to fly out to Zaire, Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General, confirmed yesterday that American troops would stay in Bosnia-Herzegovina next year.

The decision, flagged for months by the Clinton Administration, is controversial; the memory of the bodies of American servicemen being dragged through the streets of Somalia in the first months of Mr Clinton's presidency has not faded.

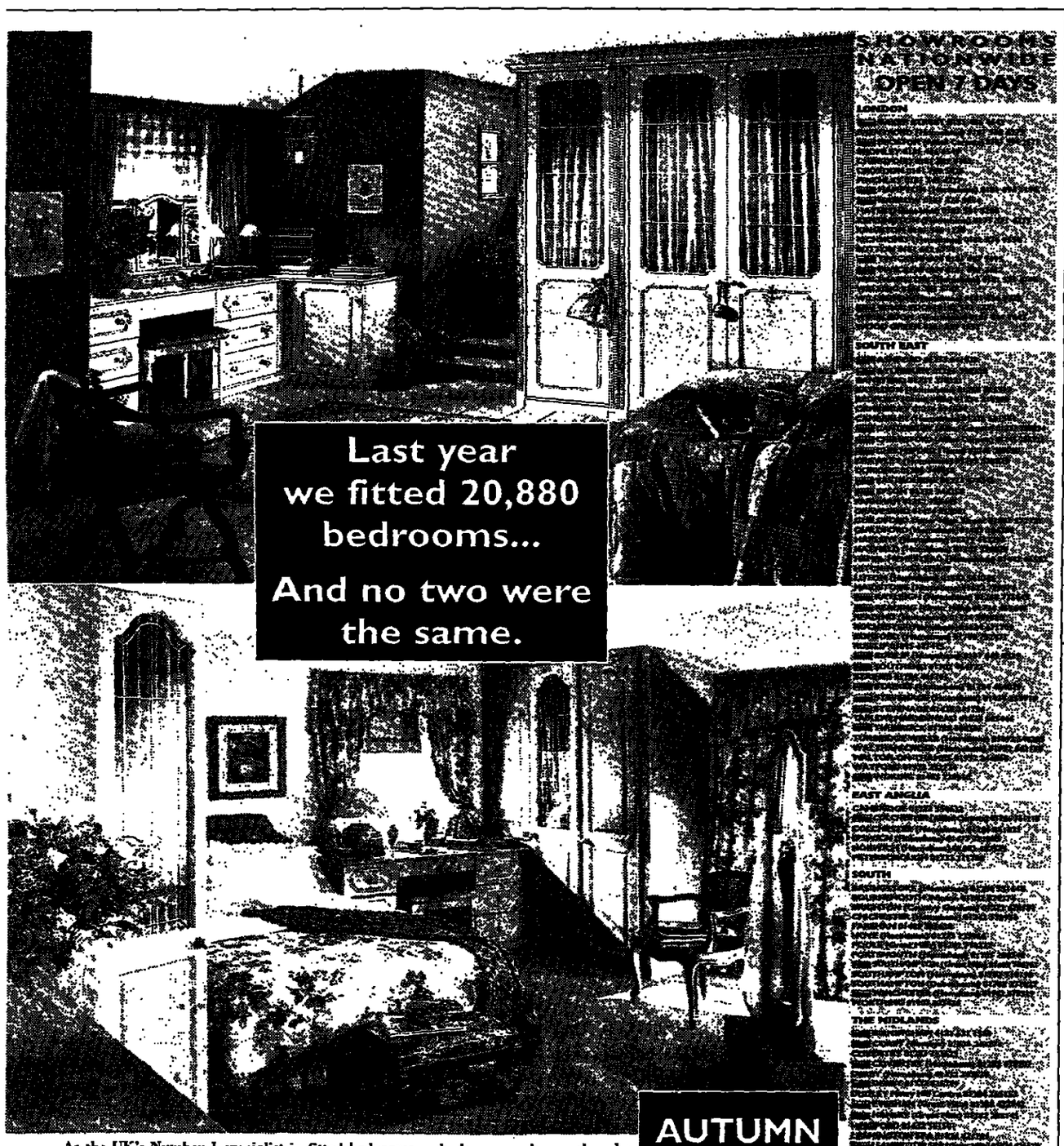
Mr Clinton, who has been struggling to make the decisions on the troop commitments before leaving today for holiday and a tour of East Asia, is also searching urgently for a Secretary of State to replace Warren Christopher. In Zaire and Bosnia, he risks repeating some of the worst mistakes of his first term. The greater danger is that he may let trouble spots such as Zaire and Bosnia distract him from more politically awkward questions such as relations with China and Russia.

The Zaire move, a week and a day after Mr Clinton's re-election, repeats in microcosm the strengths and flaws of his first term: the clear stance that America should play a humanitarian and peacekeeping role even in far-off conflicts, but the profound confusion about how to do so. The plan to protect Goma airport without fighting Rwandan forces may not be feasible; as a State Department spokesman said yesterday: "It would be a massive error to underplay the degree of danger."

In deploying troops, the President can act independently of Congress; in passing treaties, he needs its endorsement from the start. If the Zaire mission goes wrong, it will jeopardise Mr Clinton's other foreign-policy objectives which must go through Congress, such as a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty for nuclear weapons, a chemical weapons treaty and an expansion of Nato. In trade policy, he also wants to extend the North American Free Trade Agreement to Chile and to smooth China's path into the World Trade Organisation.

It is clear Congress will give him as a rough a ride in his second term as in his first: Jesse Helms, the arch-conservative, remains chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Benjamin Gilman, defender of human rights in China, will continue to head the House International Relations Committee.

Despite the political difficulty of the battles Mr Clinton will face, it would be damaging to America and its military allies and trading partners if he used the flashpoints of Zaire and Bosnia to duck more far-reaching problems.



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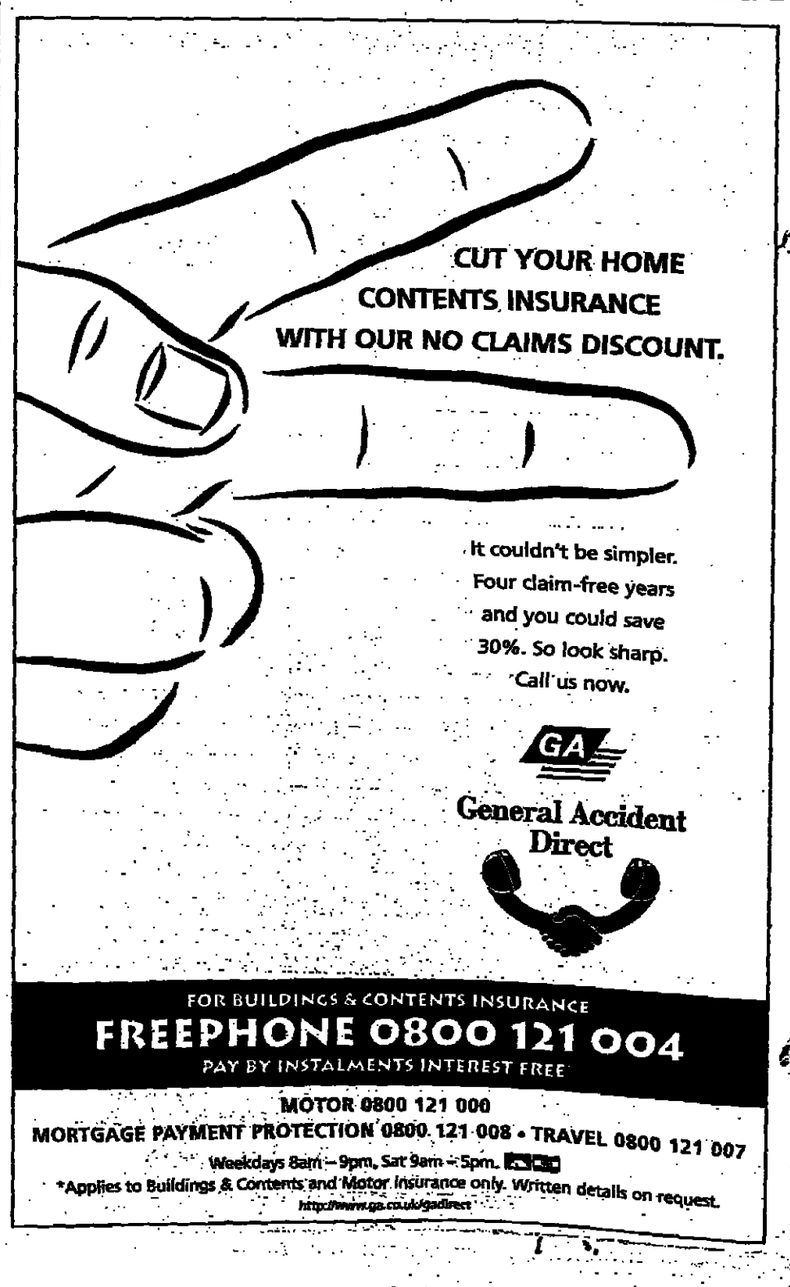

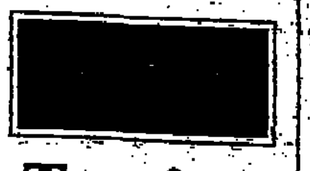

Tension rises in Hebron

Jerusalem: Trepidation on the streets of Hebron and protests among right-wing Jews grew yesterday as Israeli and Palestinian negotiators resumed talks on an Israeli troop pullout which both sides see as approaching the endgame (Christopher Walker writes).

Fears grew that a final agreement would be followed by inter-communal violence. In Jerusalem, Jews daubed walls with graffiti threatening the life of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister.

Cancer deaths decline in US

Washington: American cancer deaths have declined for the first time this century and experts say mortality rates from all forms of the disease could fall by 15 to 50 per cent in two decades (Tom Rhodes writes). A reduction in the number of male smokers is seen as largely responsible. Reduced drinking and exposure to the sun may also play a part.

Jackson weds in Australia

Sydney: Michael Jackson will wed Debbie Rowe, the woman who is carrying his child, in a private ceremony here today (Roger Maynard writes). Some claim the singer, 38, has already married her. "Please respect our privacy and let us enjoy this wonderful time." Jackson said.

Twin raids kill 18 Algerians

Paris: Suspected Muslim fundamentalists killed 18 people in two overnight raids in Medea province, south of Algiers, bringing to nine the number of attacks reported on civilians in the past two weeks. More than ninety people have died. *(Reuter)*

Hope for Peru mine victims

Nazca, Peru: Rescuers stepped up attempts to free miners trapped by an earthquake after they heard banging on rocks. At least 11 miners are known to have been killed in Tuesday's quake at the Andean Guanilo mine. *(AFP)*

Acquittal of policeman sparks riots in Florida

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

FOR the second time within a month, racial rioting erupted in St Petersburg, Florida, hours after a white policeman was cleared in the shooting that led to the original violence.

More than 200 police battled youths, some armed with automatic weapons, who threw rocks and petrol bombs in the city's predominantly black South Side district.

As night fell on Wednesday, witnesses said the city sounded like a war zone, echoing with bullets, sirens and shouts. At one crossroads alone, police counted at least 50 spent cartridges. Elsewhere, a dozen fires blazed, unattended by firemen who did not approach for fear of coming under attack.

The violence subsided early yesterday, leaving one police officer wounded in the leg and at least seven other people injured. One bullet pierced the windshield of a sheriff's helicopter, grazing the co-pilot's arm, and forcing it to make an emergency landing.

However, the unrest was less widespread than the October riot which left more than a dozen injured and caused $5 million (£3 million) of damage.

Wednesday's violence broke out after a grand jury exonerated a police officer, James Knight, over the shooting of Tyron Lewis, 18, a black motorist who was stopped for speeding on October 24. The jury found that the officer acted with "a reasonable fear of imminent death ... that he was in danger of being run over, or thrust into oncoming traffic".

Mr Lewis had bumped the officer four times and refused to follow orders to surrender, the jurors said in a nine-page statement. They added that the shooting was not racially motivated and that their findings were "the only conclusions that could reasonably be reached".

Jurors said Officer Knight was unable to see inside the car which had heavily tinted windows, and so moved to the front to look through the windscreen. Mr Lewis moved the vehicle towards him, bumping him twice "in an apparent effort to intimidate or challenge the officer", the jurors said.

The car hit Officer Knight again when his partner broke a side window. The officer warned the driver to stop or he would shoot.

The car then turned sharply to the left, hitting the policeman a fourth time and dropping him onto the car's hood. The officer fired three times, hitting Mr Lewis in the arm and chest.

Police later learnt that the car Mr Lewis was driving had been reported stolen and that he was wanted on three outstanding arrest warrants. Crack cocaine was found in the car.

But the jurors' decision angered many in the black community. "A terrible injustice has been handed down," said Perkins T. Shelton, a civil rights activist. "The police officer thought he was in danger of his life? All he had to do was step aside. Instead, he shot and killed that boy."

Police administrators had decided the shooting could have been avoided. Mr Knight was suspended for 60 days without pay after his superiors ruled that he violated guidelines by standing in front of the car too long, placing himself in danger unnecessarily.

Police Chief Darrel Stephens blamed the latest violence on a small group of activists who had advocated violence if Mr Knight was not charged with murder.

"A good part of the activity ... was planned," Mr Stephens said. "I don't believe that this was a spontaneous event."

The trouble began after police arrested several black youths on Wednesday outside a meeting place for members of the black separatist group, the National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement. The group has called for the execution of the officers involved in last month's shooting.

Friends and colleagues of the suspended officer were also unhappy, complaining that he had been unfairly treated in an effort to placate the black community.

But others accused the police of inflaming a tense situation with heavy-handed tactics. "This is overkill, outright overkill," said John Watson, a member of an advisory committee that reviews complaints against police.

Bill Doniel, St Petersburg police spokesman, said: "If we let the criminals take over the streets, we're all going to die."

MAURICE RIVENBARK/AP

Supporters of a black separatist group in St Petersburg recoil from spray used by police trying to make an arrest

Clinton appointee faces spy scandal

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE STATE Department's intelligence chief was under investigation in Washington yesterday over several breaches of security, including an improper demand for top secret documents linking her husband and a family friend to the Hungarian spy service.

Tobi Gati, Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence, a close friend of Hillary Clinton and a political appointee, was also facing inquiries by the department's inspector-general over questionable contact with foreign officials including Andrei Kozyrev, the former Russian Foreign Minister.

Mrs Gati, 50, is a former vice-president of the United Nations Association who joined the National Security Council as a Russian expert in early 1993. At a time when she had no security clearance, it appears Mrs Gati obtained two highly classified documents from the National Security Agency, the surveillance monitoring service for the Washington secret service.

One of the papers linked a family friend to the Hungarian intelligence service while the second suggested that Charles Gati, her husband who was then a policy planning official at the State Department, was a counter-intelligence risk because of his close ties to the Hungarian Embassy in Washington. Mrs Gati yesterday denied seeking the secret documents.

Chicago mourns as its cardinal dies

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

AMERICA'S most prominent Roman Catholic, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago, died yesterday after a highly public bout of cancer for which he refused treatment.

Catholic churches across the United States hoisted funeral bunting and Chicago fell into a rare melancholy. The mood, said one resident, was as sombre as on the day of President Kennedy's assassination in 1963.

In recent weeks a nation watched with grim awe as the 68-year-old priest twisted in the breeze of his fate. Cardinal Bernardin had suffered pancreatic cancer for a year but last month he announced he had taken himself off chemotherapy. He realised the disease was terminal and he was ready to die.

He harnessed his terminal sickness to spread his beliefs, but the one person he could not tell was his infirm mother. Maria Bernardin, a widow for 61 years, does not follow the news on television, nor on radio or in the press. Yesterday it fell to her other child, the cardinal's sister, to announce that her son was dead. It was Mrs Bernardin's 92nd birthday.

Cardinal Bernardin's illness was the most public, and arguably the most inspiring, of drawn-out deaths. He remained at his work throughout, even visiting a prisoner on death row to "swap notes" on impending destiny. His calm inspired people of many religious denominations.

On his last night the cardinal spoke by telephone to President Clinton and to the Pope, who was in Rome yesterday. The pontiff said he was greatly saddened by the death and, in a message to the Chicago archdiocese, he praised Cardinal Bernardin's "untiring work".

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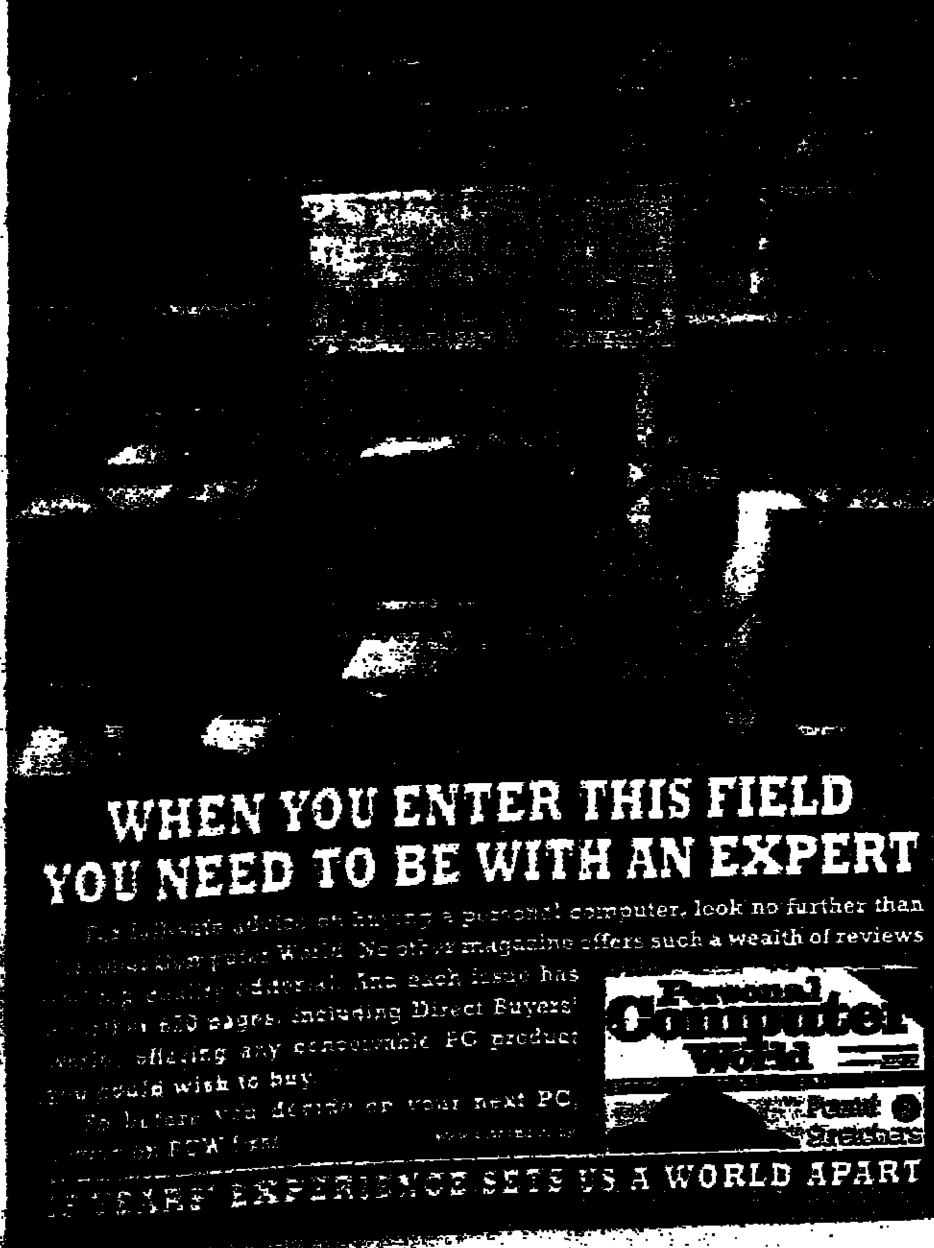
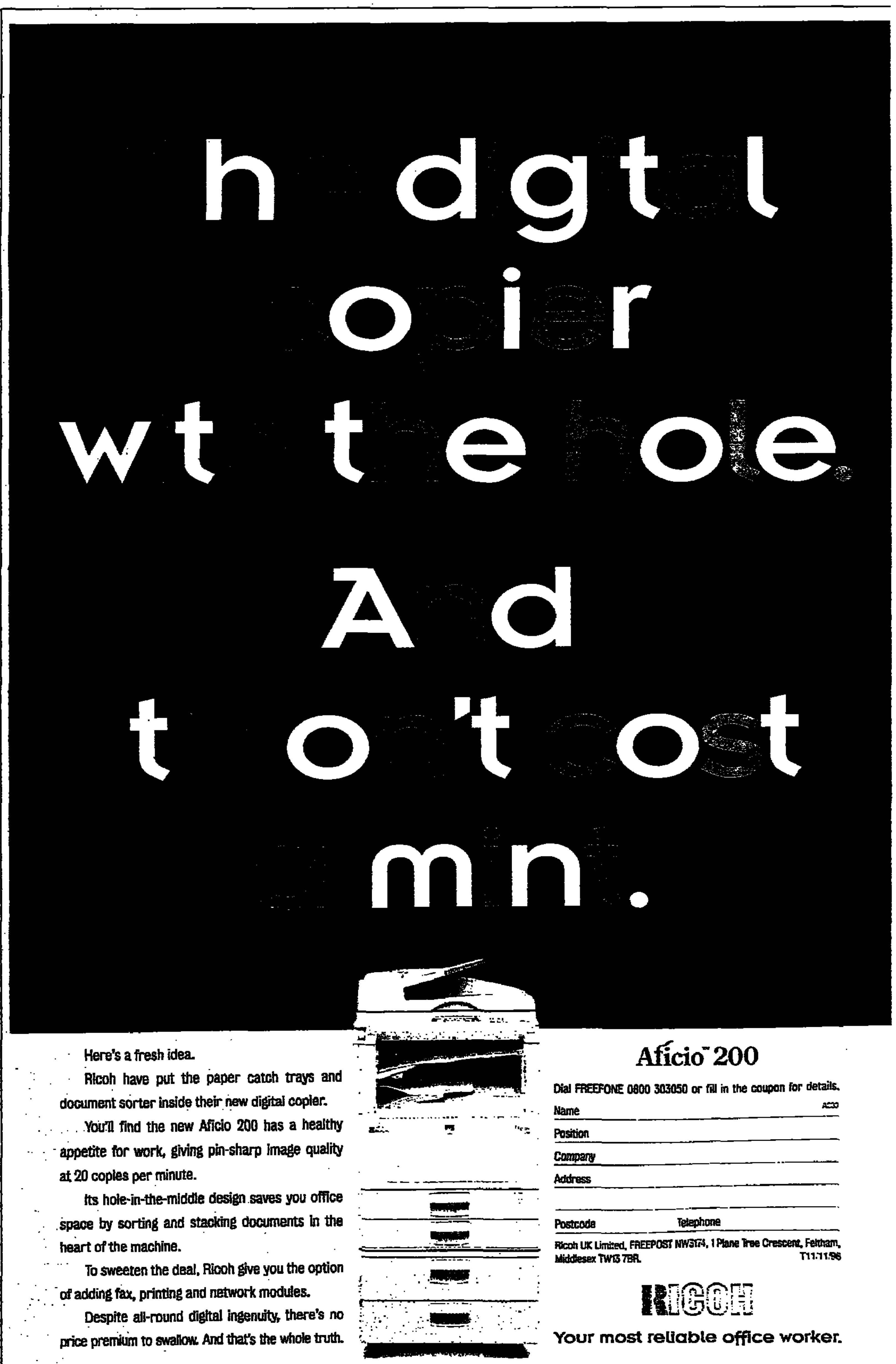
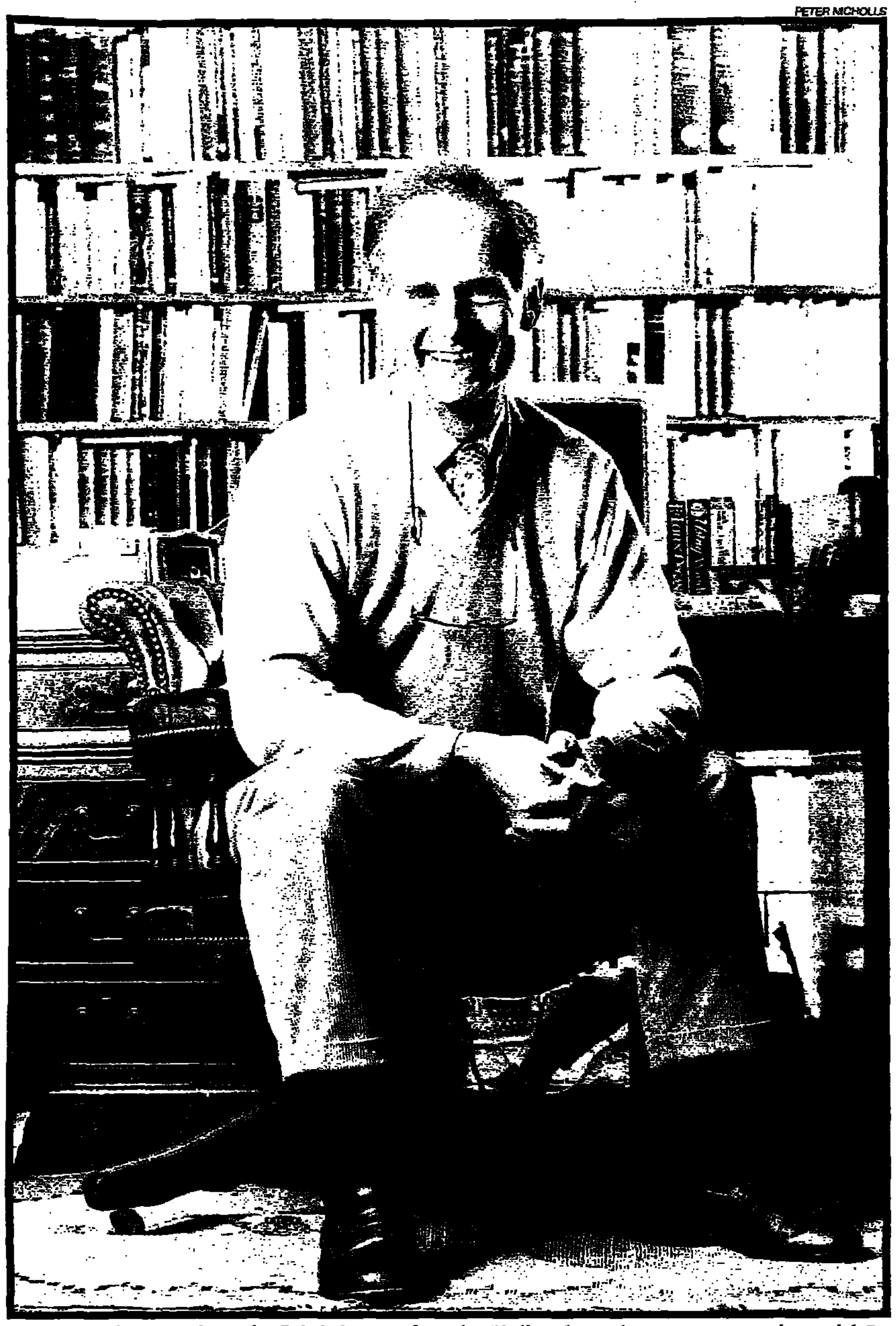




The eccentric Count Nikolai Tolstoy is looking forward to a new challenge – MP for the UK Independence Party

PETER NICHOLLS



"I have good reason to know that Britain is not perfect — but I believe that we have to put our own house right"

Wielding a sabre for the freedom of England

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

Count Nikolai Tolstoy seemed vague about *the seat he is contesting* on December 12 on behalf of the UK Independence Party. I said I thought it was Barnsley East, the by-election caused by the death of the Labour MP Terry Patchett. His wife insisted that it could not possibly be in the north — "Isn't there a Barnsley quite near London — almost on the Tube?" *she said,* because he cannot drive.

Her husband, too, was unclear yesterday about where in the country he was to stand. The Europhobic Party founded by Dr Alan Sked, the LSE historian, had only asked him that morning, and he is so busy.

What keeps Tolstoy busy is the continuing saga of his battle to prove the guilt of those who, in 1945, dispatched 70,000 Cossacks and Yugoslavs to their deaths at the hands of the Russians. In 1989 Tolstoy was found guilty of libelling Lord Aldington, who was awarded record damages of £1.5 million. Tolstoy should have been ruined — but the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg last year ruled the damages to be "excessive".

Britain has simply ignored the Strasbourg ruling; so his debt stands. Yet Tolstoy still lives in the Oxfordshire house that remains his only asset. The tennis court has a hole in it; the house has that cosy *shabbiness that so suits the* English country house. The four children's school fees have been paid by an unnamed benefactor. And the case still engulfs this mildly eccentric writer who was *living quietly, making a* respectable income, writing about whatever seized his interest (Merlin, the Tolstoy family, a life of Lord Camelford, the Regency peer who tried to murder Napoleon) until he became possessed by the victims of Yalta.

Tolstoy lit a log fire. He sees himself as a laughing cavalier, *tall and craggily handsome,* with that self-deprecating candour which can spill over into naiveté. Some say he is "obsessive, and possibly slightly mad".

His father Dmitri, born in *Moscow, escaped to England* from the Bolsheviks in 1920. When they divorced, his father married a Russian; his English mother married the writer Patrick O'Brian, whose historical naval stories enjoy a reverent cult following.

He lists one of his hobbies as "broadsword-and-buckler play" although litigation is now a more consuming hobby. After Wellington College he read history at Trinity *College Dublin. As a* prep-school master he would take children on camping trips with suitcases of fireworks, and stage mock battles. He met his pretty wife Georgina at a Civil War gathering; they plighted their troth at the siege of Warwick Castle. They have just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Georgina, sizzling sausages on the Aga, is entirely on her husband's side in all his travails.

Tolstoy undoubtedly changed public opinion by revealing the appalling and brutal plight of the victims of Yalta. *When a memorial was* erected in London Margaret Thatcher sent a contribution. And there it might have ended, had he not become involved with one Nigel Watts in writing a pamphlet naming the *distinguished Lord Aldington,* Chief o Staff in 1945 and Warden of Winchester.

"Sometimes people say, why did you do it? and the truth is I barely thought about it. I take care to write what I think is correct, but I had said much the same in a myriad other broadcasts and speeches. And even when Lord Aldington *sued me I didn't take it too* seriously, because I believed I could easily prove what I'd said, and I didn't really know that much about the law.

"I thought it would be rationally aired. Having read *Bleak House I ought to have* known better. I had no idea how much it would absorb my time, let alone the risk, and the cost. That showed a very naive streak. Once you get involved with lawyers the money just pours out like water."

He was astonished to find the High Court judges, who refused him leave to appeal, *were so ignorant of history:* "One of them thought it was all something to do with the Charge of the Light Brigade." After the trial, Tolstoy's legal costs were met by the nameless English benefactor. "He's just someone who hates the double standard, that if an English war crime is involved, nobody's responsible. And he was *right, because the recent* legislation to try alleged Nazi war criminals in Britain, specifically restricted the category of war criminals to people who served in the German forces — to stop 'that bloody Tolstoy'."

Lord Aldington is now 81. Tolstoy at 61 may well outlive him. "One day I shall be free to publish anything. Not just *about 1945, but about what* goes on behind the scenes in the British courts and Government, so the man on the Clapham omnibus can read it for himself."

He claims that his last book, *The Minister and The Massacres,* implicating Macmillan, has been covertly banned. "Even libraries such as the Bodleian have removed their copies." He believes compromising documents were withdrawn from the Public Record office. He knows far more than he knew at his trial: he has been to talk to the Yugoslavs, and the Russian Government has released the *Smersh* files relating to the agreement in Austria.

> Some say he is obsessive and possibly slightly mad

He goes regularly to Moscow and in June he was made an honorary Cossack. "They presented me with a magnificent sabre, a lovely weapon. I greatly pleased the Cossacks by saying I could take off the head of an English judge with *one slash." (It hangs over the* fireplace in his dining room.)

In April he was threatened with having his precious library confiscated by bankruptcy trustees. "But they know if they ever came I *would have the TV cameras of* the world on the lawn." As he sees it, nobody dares make a move against him because there would be worldwide publicity and support for him. So here he remains, in his home. "But what if I were not me? It's independence at every level that counts, down to the rights of the householder. Why are you not allowed to protect your own house if you're violently attacked? I've never been burgled, but I should use my *Cossack sabre if* I were."

Hence the foray into politics, a new field. "My wife insists I did once vote Conservative, but I don't recall." He joined the UK Independence Party at the urging of his father-in-law: "Because I love history, I love the monarchy. *I like gorgeous* parades and bands and people in livery and heralds. But I hate injustice, and what Hamlet calls the insolence of office. I have good reason to know that Britain is not perfect — but I believe we have to put our own house right."

Sometimes Tolstoy sees himself, heart-sinkingly, as the Mr Casaubon figure from *Middlemarch,* embroiled in endless research. "The great consolation of my life has been Celtic mythology. My next book on the legend of the Holy Grail could fill five volumes." *As a result of all the talking in* the courts, his writing has atrophied. So yesterday a new computer arrived which allows him to dictate to the screen.

He does not expect to win Barnsley, wherever Barnsley may be. But he will fight the general election *against the sitting* Tory Robert Jackson at nearby Wantage. "King Alfred was born there so it's a good place to raise the standard of English independence, which once signed away can never be recovered.

"The nation state is a focus of independence, and it is *manageable. The idea of huge* superstates is sinister in the extreme. This transference of power just brings a distancing. And we know about the corruption within the EC and the billions that will never be *recovered. I always bear in* mind Edmund Burke's words: 'For the triumph of evil, all that is necessary is that good men should do nothing'."

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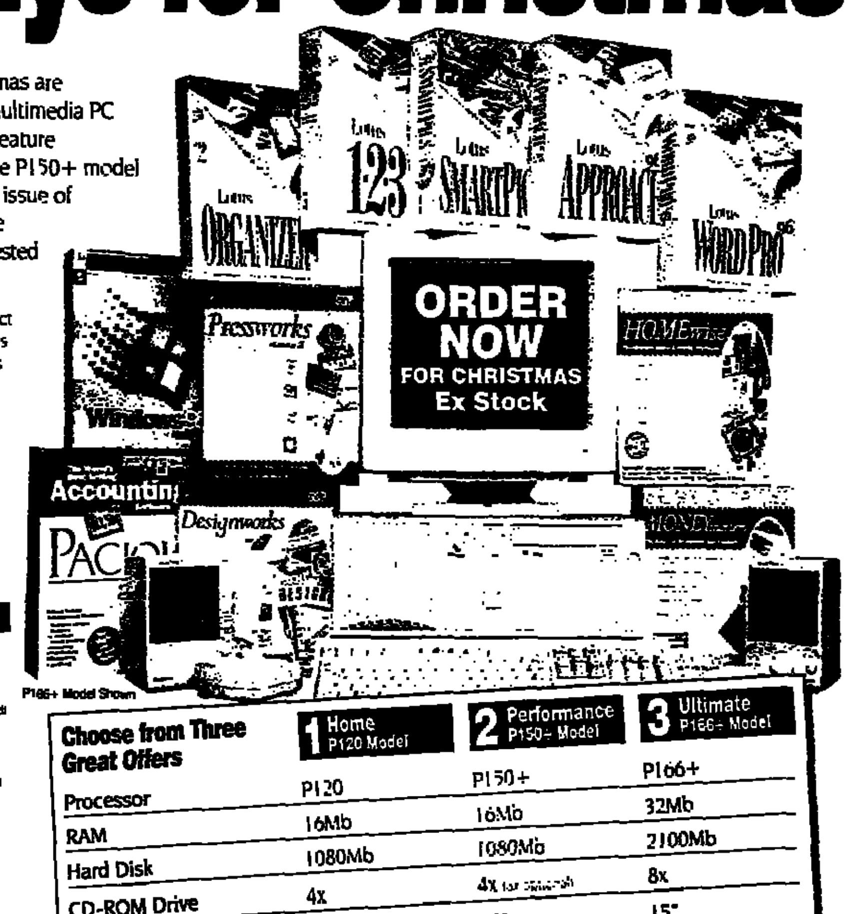

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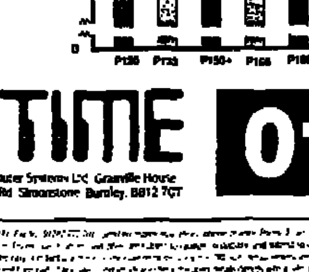

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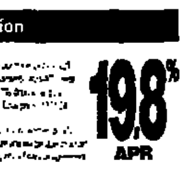

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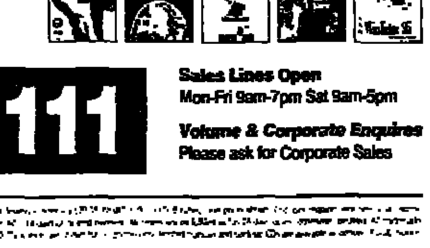

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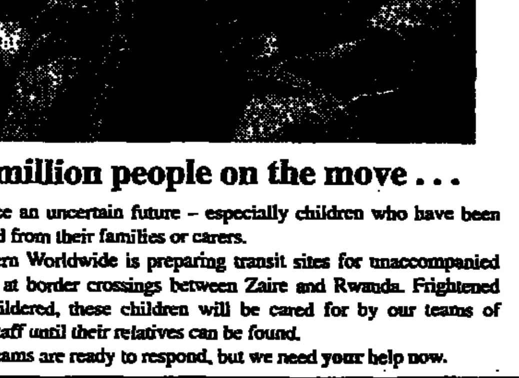

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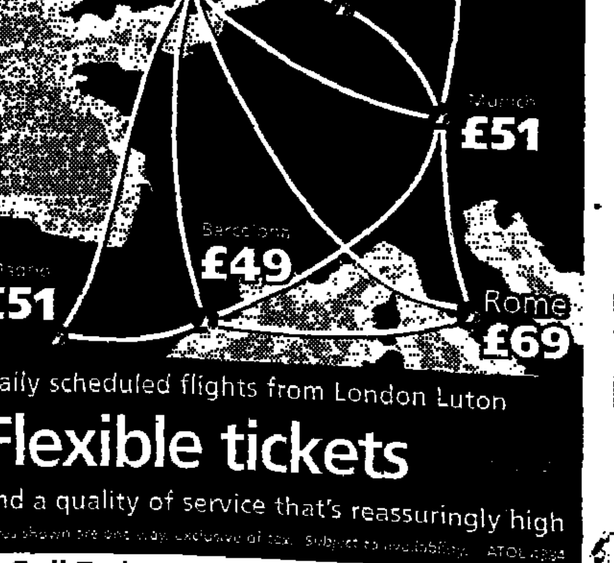

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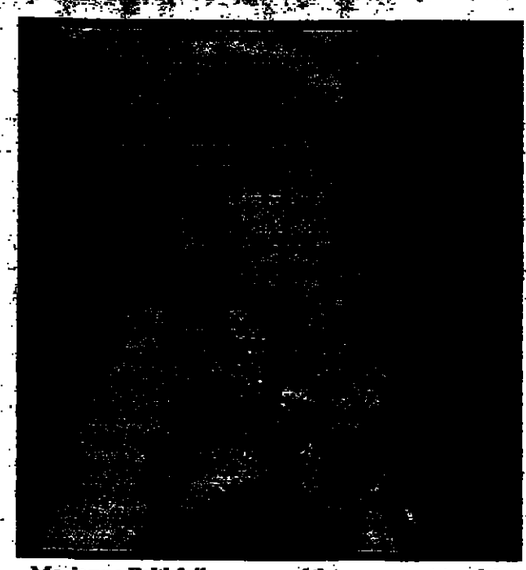
The film that Mick Jagger banned

In 1968 the Rolling Stones' singer had a whim — a film shot in a circus, where he and friends would perform. But the Stones found themselves outshone and only now has the film been seen. **Joseph Connolly** reports



Marianne Faithfull was one of the many guest artists

MICHAEL POWELL

Pete Townshend and Roger Daltrey, of The Who, left; and the original Rolling Stones line-up, with Brian Jones, in Sergeant Pepper-style clothes play to the cameras and an audience equally flamboyantly dressed

"It was Mick Jagger who banned it," says Nick Haigue, co-producer of the legendary 1968 Rolling Stones feature film, *Rock and Roll Circus*, selectively premiered last month at cinemas and this week available on video. This constitutes the first time that any version of the movie has ever been seen. In early 1969, between 30 and 40 hours of film were summarily abandoned — unedited and (certainly by Jagger) unloved.

"It was Brian Jones who was really screwing up the Stones by this stage," recalls Haigue. "He was out of his tree. Mick decided that the group's performance simply hadn't been up to the mark, so he pulled the plug on the whole enterprise. I myself didn't even see the rushes."

A reputedly excellent set from The Who (once rumoured to be Jagger's real reason for losing interest) was therefore lost to the world, as were contributions from Eric Clapton and John Lennon — no other Beatles alas, but Lennon of course insisted that Yoko Ono be a fellow artist.

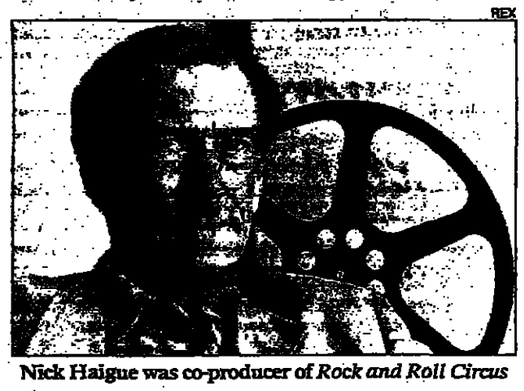
"It was the most extraordinary sight," says Haigue. "John came on and played guitar, while Yoko appeared with a huge black sack. She climbed into this, and someone zipped it up, whereupon she gyrated within the sack and groaned — little hands kept sticking out — while Lennon twanged away."

As was the way at the end of the Sixties, the whole venture came about as a result of the whim of a megastar — in this case Jagger. The idea was that there should be a vast circus tent and in between the traditional acts, such as fire-eaters and knife-throwers, all the Rolling Stones' rock'n'roll mates could perform as they pleased. The Stones themselves wore extraordinary and almost Sergeant Pepper costumes (even the "audience", recalls Haigue — comprising VIPs of the day, friends of the moment and the usual thousands of hangers-on — were dressed in little ponchos of primary colours) and so all you needed — apart from love — were huge and ferocious animals.

At this point the insurers had a collective seizure. "Mick insisted upon a lion," says Haigue. "But what are they going to *do* with it?" the insurers asked. Well, you never knew what rock stars were going to do, so I didn't even try to answer. They said that beyond a stipulated distance, every foot that Jagger came closer to the lion, the premium would rise by £50. Someone went into the cage at some point. I assume he came out."

Nick Haigue came to Jagger's attention via his early directorial work on ITV's *Ready, Steady, Go!* ("The reason you remember only a jostling crowd and a lighting gantry is that we were given no sets and a tiny studio"). Now 57, he was at the time the youngest director on the independent television network, and often worked with Michael Lindsay-Hogg, the eventual director of *Rock and Roll Circus* (and, later, of the Beatles' final performance on the rooftops of Apple in Savile Row). Lindsay-Hogg is the man responsible for the final edit of *Circus*. The video version is just over one hour long. This, according to Haigue's recollection, is no more than a thirtieth of the stock available. "We filmed over two very long days," he says. "Eight-thirty or nine in the morning until three or four the next morning. It was all very amiable, no scenes. Many people were stoned or drunk, of course — but nicely so. Brian Jones was drinking lime juice cut with acetone. At one point he was playing the maracas, but Keith Richards had to stand behind him before the shoot and move his arms up and down in an attempt to get the beat."

The best bit of the whole two-day session is, naturally enough, not on film: "I wandered into a dressing-room very late one night, and there were John Lennon, Keith Richards and Pete Townshend jamming away together — guitars, singing, few drinks, bit of dope. It went on for ages and the quality was marvelous — I was mesmerised. The film was recorded in a studio on the North Circular Road, quite near by, belonging to my company, Intertel," recalls Haigue. "We built the marquee inside. As to the film having been long lost and newly rediscovered, that is nonsense. The rushes have been locked away in the Rank Laboratories in Denham for decades. That's where we processed the film, and that's where it's been ever since."



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Nick Haigue was co-producer of *Rock and Roll Circus*

After the abandonment of the project, Haigue went on to produce and direct two Jimi Hendrix shows at the Albert Hall, as well as a 1969 programme called *Supershow*. "This we did in an old lino factory near Staines, which was converted into a studio. The programme contained the only existing Sixties footage of Led Zeppelin, and we also had Eric Clapton and Stephen Stills."

Haigue then went to America where he became a director on *Hawaii Five-0* and *Mission Impossible* (about a dozen episodes in all). On his return, he realised that Alan Klein (then the manager of both the Beatles and the Stones, and the man now behind *Circus's* imminent release) still owed Haigue's company £10,000. "I said, pay us the money you owe, and I'll edit and finish the film for nothing, but he wasn't having it. We did, after a court case, eventually get the £10,000 but I'll never forget that meeting with Klein in his Dorchester suite. He was perfectly polite, wearing plimsolls I recall but the room was lined with all these grim mafia heavies: I truly thought I was going to be blown away — I didn't think I'd ever walk out of that room." Haigue was as intrigued as anyone else by the prospect of seeing even an hour of this ancient extravaganza, but he stands to make no money out of it. On the video release, however, he received no credit and is contemplating legal action. He says modestly: "I am just a hardworking, jobbing director-producer — I received a one-off flat fee." (That goes for his American television work as well — residuals were yet to be invented.)

Since those heady Sixties days, Haigue has done every sort of production work, most recently taking the opportunity to direct a musical based on *Pride and Prejudice*. "It's a shame that *Circus* wasn't released at the time," he muses. "It just disappeared like it never happened. The lid closed, and it was no more. But that's how it sometimes was. Towards 1970, I nearly brought the Beatles back together to play in a Roman amphitheatre in Libya, but apparently Ringo didn't like the food so that was more or less that."

The five-point guide to becoming a babe

Even goddesses need a little helping hand now and then, as **Anjana Ahuja** discovered

YOU can hear them before you walk into the room. The place is crammed with tiny black dresses, razor-sharp bronzed cheekbones and swishing blonde tresses.

The Cheekbone gang has come to sip champagne and celebrate the publication of *Back on Top, A Woman's Guide to Self-Esteem and Happiness*. Borrowing liberally from John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, this spiritual routefinder promises to steer misguided modern females out of the City of Doom through the City of Happiness to the top of the Mountain of Clarity — each chapter representing an important stage on the voyage from fat, dowdy no-hoper to confident, ambitious sex kitten.

The philosophy of the book is surely lost on the Cheekbone gang — these babes have been sitting on the Mont Blanc of self-esteem ever since their first bra. One cannot imagine Vicky Barker, the book's author, ever getting lost in the Valley of Confusion ("The whole world has gone stark raving mad. Or is it just me?") let alone dallying in the City of Gloom (where "character assassins" such as Negative Self-Belief and the Inner Bitch wait to pounce). For even though Miss Barker claims to have hit a rough patch in 1992, she has emerged from what she describes as her "nosedive towards the gutter" and is now one of the gang. Tall, blonde and elegant, she circles the room exchanging animated air kisses with a line-up of guests boasting Joan Collins, Bob Geldof and Marie Helvin, as well as a smattering of Taras, Tamaras and Normandies.

Tired of being stuck fast in the throng of celebrity cleavages and keen to pick up a few tips, I home in on what seems to be the most famous pair of cheekbones in the room. They turn out to belong to Caprice Bourret, the gorgeous, pouting Californian fronting the Wonderbra campaign this winter. During a gap in the conversation, I seize my chance: "I can't imagine you ever feeling depressed. Have you ever used a self-help book?" Caprice speaks!

"Until two months ago, I was severely depressed and really low. People were telling me to sign this contract and that contract, and people were harassing my folks back home. But now I'm enjoying life. And I think it's great that people can turn to books like these." The soft drawl exudes thoughtfulness and sincerity. From my vantage point on a level with her magnificent bosom, I feel rather comforted to have discovered that even goddesses can use a little self-help.

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Justice for Germany's former slaves

Michael Pinto-Duschinsky calls on

Kohl to respect forgotten Nazi victims

Half a century on, the Nazi horrors refuse to recede into history. In Vienna, there is the sad spectacle of the sale of art treasures owned by Jewish victims. In Switzerland, there is the scandal over Nazi gold in its banks. In Britain, there is the attempt to bring alleged Nazi war criminals to justice. Yet one of the most revealing scandals from the Holocaust is only now starting to emerge. It is the refusal of Helmut Kohl's Government to acknowledge the claims of survivors of the slave labour factories attached to Auschwitz and other death camps.

While most of the Jews deported by the Nazis were shot or gassed, a minority were used as slave labour. They were mostly in their teens and twenties, and an estimated 40,000 are still alive. The brutal conditions in factories such a IG Farben's plant at Buna Auschwitz were in keeping with the policy of *Vernichtung durch Arbeit*. The victims were literally "to be destroyed through work", and this aim was usually achieved.

After the war, the leaders of the three major firms — Flick, Krupp and IG Farben — were imprisoned for war crimes after trials at Nuremberg. However, the Government of the newly created German Federal Republic deliberately excluded surviving slave workers from compensation. Neither the Government nor the companies that employed the wartime slaves were to be liable.

The legal arrangements were the work of Dr Hermann Abs, the wily head of the Deutsche Bank. Abs had only narrowly escaped prosecution by the Allies. He had been a member of IG Farben's supervisory board when it took the decision to build Buna Auschwitz, but denied all memory of the decision. Chancellor Adenauer entrusted him to lead the German team in negotiations with the Allies about Germany's outstanding debts. An obscure clause in the London Debt Settlement of 1953 — as interpreted by the German courts — meant that slave labourers were not entitled to compensation until there was a "final settlement" of the Second World War in a peace treaty. This clause meant an indefinite postponement, for there was no hope in 1953 of an end to the Cold War or of a peace treaty that included the Soviet Union. IG Farben (and its successor companies such as Bayer and BASF), Flick and Siemens could feel secure against Jewish demands.

When the Berlin Wall was breached in November 1989, the spectre of a formal peace treaty giving the former slave labourers a legal basis for claims clearly alarmed these corporations and the German Government. Therefore, the "2+4" reunification treaty of 1990 was intentionally drafted without the words "peace treaty". The Government even issued a formal statement in September 1996 that "there has never been a settlement [of the Second World War] by peace treaty".

Since 1990, the slave labourers have been blocked by this and by other arguments. Survivors were manhandled at IG Farben's recent annual meeting when they tried to speak. Personal appeals to the Flick family to set up a modest fund for former slave workers living in poverty in Hungary have remained unanswered. The German Government refuses to accept responsibility, arguing that Germany has already given enough compensation to Nazi victims — a total of 97.843 billion marks between 1953 and 1995.

The Ministry of Finance asserts that it is too late to consider claims of slave labourers dating back more than 50 years, even though it is the German courts that have postponed the claims pending a peace treaty. It hasn't been too late for Germany to demand the return from Russia and Poland of art treasures from Troy and elsewhere.

Still more appalling are the other legal arguments supported by the German authorities to resist the claims of 22 Auschwitz survivors in two continuing test cases. These arguments deny — or at least minimise — some central features of the Holocaust. Ignoring the cruel conditions in the concentration camps, the German Government maintains that the factories at Auschwitz did not violate international law and that the Slavery Agreement of 1926 included a "fundamental permission of forced labour for public purposes".

Two further legal technicalities are put forward to block the rights of these slave labourers. First, the Government's lawyers insist that since Auschwitz was not legally within German territory, but in Poland, claims must be made through the Polish rather than the German courts. At the same time, Germany insists that it has no further obligations to meet Polish claims. Second, Germany's social security rules mean that slave labourers from Auschwitz or the Lodz ghetto who have survived are not entitled to German pensions, since no insurance stamps were paid on their behalf. By contrast, wartime insurance payments were made on behalf of their German overseers who — like members of the SS — are therefore entitled to pensions.

> Germany is minimising the cruel Auschwitz regime

It is not only the survivors who are outraged by these legal stratagems. An active minority of Germans, especially the young, are equally troubled. A recent meeting convened by the Catholic Diocese of Rottenburg-Stuttgart drew representatives from all the main German churches, from Jewish bodies, and from an impressive variety of German organisations devoted to Holocaust remembrance and education and to active measures to support the claims of the surviving slave labourers.

Both the Jewish and the German groups insist that the unresolved issue of compensation for Nazi slave labour is vital for several reasons. Some elderly survivors, especially in Central and Eastern Europe, are living in poverty. For others, mainly in Western Europe, Israel and the United States, the compensation is symbolic. It is intolerable for many survivors that their oppressors are receiving benefits which they are denied. Many Auschwitz and Belsen survivors also fear that if the companies which participated in the Holocaust are protected, today's war criminals and would-be perpetrators of genocide will believe they are immune.

The German Government must take decisive action to remove the legal blockages obstructing the cases of surviving slaves of the Nazi regime. Otherwise, Germany's claim to be a trustworthy member of the European family will have a hollow ring.

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Not so super stores

I should have more time for the big food chains if only they did not all sell the same tasteless pap

Bernard Levin

In the appalling number of articles I have written, there is something about just about everything that the world can offer. I have written about wicked people and good people, lunatics and Members of Parliament, music, the theatre, good food and bad, the weather, criminals, saints, liars, truthtellers, drunkards, members of Alcoholics Anonymous, hearty drinkers, teetotallers, burglers, thugs, murderers, lawyers, footballers, gangsters, many of my relations, architecture, opera, New York, Australia, Austria, books, newspapers, paintings *and at least a hundred and fifty other things.*

But I have never written about Tesco. And I am now about to do so.

I begin with a plaint, attached to a dark headline. The headline read "Is it closing time for the corner shop?" The next headline read "Independents face massacre as giants open community stores on petrol station forecourts". And another said "The relentless expansion of the grocery chains, backed by their vast resources, has eliminated many of the traditional high steet shops". Put like all that, it sounds as if the corner shop is not only going down the plughole almost immediately this afternoon, but will never be seen again.

Let us see, however, what that indispensable lady Patience Wheatcroft can tell us about this gloomy story.

> The big chains plan hundreds of small stores, opening all hours, plus the ultimate in convenience shopping — home delivery. Now small traders' representatives want government help in their battle against the megastores . . . The oil companies are rushing to expand forecourt food retailing after seeing petrol pump profits decimated in the recent price war. Elf, Mobil and Shell have all recently announced plans to expand the scale of their store operations . . . Each day for the past ten years, about eight independent shops have given up the fight to beat the supermarket giants and their huge out-of-town stores. Butchers, bakers and fishmongers have vanished from the high streets and the number of local grocers — corner shops — has halved.

And, of course, that great figure the Indian corner shopkeeper (to whom someone ought to erect a mighty statue) is going to vanish as well unless someone will fight for him.

Listen to Surendra Patel himself. He has been running his little shop for nearly 20 years (and there are many more Surendra Patels), and it was he who said "I am worried for my retailers. The big stores have saturated their market and now they are coming back for what is left of ours."

And that is not all; would that it were. For in 1988, the independent stores had roughly 43 per cent of the market — a little less than half — but by 1996 their share had fallen to 32 per cent, and the experts say that by 2010 it would be less than 20 per cent.

And now, of course, the fight is not to keep the small shop going or even to knock them out — it is a fight between the monster supermarkets: Safeway, Budgen, Sainsbury, Marks & Spencer, Waitrose, Tesco. (I shall come back to Tesco, but please be patient.)

It is, of course, a lost cause. Indeed, it is a doubly lost cause, because when the big boys start stamping on the little ones, the little ones do not put their backs to the wall and make ready for the fight — they ignore the little ones in their struggles against each other.

Very well: if that is what people want, who am I to say they mustn't have it? I have an answer to that, but before I give it, I want to show a parallel to these arguments.

Take Bond Street, and a great part of Oxford Street and a bit of Piccadilly. Stroll up and down, and look into the posh shops — DH Evans, Debenhams, Selfridges (Selfridges is going mad in its attempt to match the big boys), John Lewis, Next, Fenwicks and many others. Do not, please, turn the page if you live miles away from Oxford Street and think this is nothing to do with you. What I am talking about can be seen replicated up and down the land. It is, of course, that all the shops I am talking about are stuffed to the stars with exactly the same things, and this dreary, awful realisation is finally dawning. Moreover, you will find exactly the same things in Paris and in New York, and — I have no doubt — also in Tokyo.

I tried it on clothes, but it goes much deeper. Take the latest compact disc and its latest number. And take food, where the pinch nips hardest — or should. How many food shops can we look into and see a great range of differences? And that brings us back to the supermarkets. Forget for the moment the small man who is being pushed out, unless he has already been pushed. Once, some time ago, I was invited to watch, in a very large fooderie, the wrapping of the food. It was all spotless, under bright light — but not too bright — and I was almost hypnotised. But not quite. Because, when I came to my senses, I realised I had seen several hundred fresh, cleaned, edible slices of food — every one of which was exactly the same as all the others.

Now it is not for me to lay down rules of eating. Indeed, is not for me to poke my nose in like this at all. But yet the pity of it, Iago! O! Iago, the pity of it, Iago! We could have had a thousand thousand tastes, all different, and another thousand thousand, if we had never seen or smelt those rows of food which are perfectly clean, and perfectly deboned, and perfectly frozen, and perfectly tasteless.

Turn back to where I started. What did those headlines say? "Is it closing time for the corner shop?" It seems that the answer is yes. But I would not be so sad for the dying breed of small shops if I could believe that the great monsters were selling a wonderful spread of new tastes. Alas, I cannot believe it.

There are some who can fight back, though they may have to scour the land for an army of customers, and a very small one it will be. But we must not give in, and happily there is at one least warrior willing to fly the flag.

The story so far is to be found in Gerrards Cross. I know Gerrards Cross well, though I have never lived there, and I know it to be a quiet, interesting, happy place. (Why, they even read books there; I've seen them do it.) But now I learn that the placid waters of Gerrards Cross have become most turbulent. And why? Because of Tesco. To be exact, because Tesco wants to plonk down a space of thirty-four thousand square feet to sell its wares.

Now Tesco is not a terrible ogre, just waiting to eat the people of Gerrards Cross and lick their bones. Tesco has the right to sell its wares, and the customers have the right to buy those wares. After all, Tesco stores are sprinkled very thickly throughout the land.

And that is the problem. In the eyes of the people of Gerrards Cross there are too many Tesco stores. Aha! says the enemy — this is a not-on-*my*-patch-story. No it isn't; and even if it were, the people who actually live on the patch in question have something to say, and they have said it quite firmly, by organising a poll. Some 2,500 Gerrards Crossers filed into the polling station (this thing gets very election-like) and put their marks on the question paper: does Gerrards Cross want a Tesco on its patch or not? And when the ballots were counted (no gerrymandering in Gerrards Cross!) it transpired that 94 per cent did not want a Tesco, and 6 per cent did, which by my arithmetic shows a considerable tilt towards the cross of Gerrards Cross.

Will they win the day? Perhaps. I certainly hope that they will. But I fear that even if they win and ring their bells in salute, the big boys will overcome in the end. And they will overcome, not because they are too powerful, but because those who buy from the big boys never did care what they ate. A curse on every trolley!

Philip Howard

Zest! Howzat for zeal to zonk the zappy Zeitgeist?

According to the Prime Minister, the British has regained its zest for life. This comes as a surprise to those who never knew we had lost it, or never knew we had one to lose, or have trouble raising even a zephyr of zest until after the first cup of tea. But the word is a piquant addition to our political lexicon, smelling of days when one was advised to add a pinch of zest while stirring up one's Christmas pudding.

And it bears the marks of John Major's own hand. The clever men at Saatchi's would have scripted a far more "relevant" phrase, such as their vacuous cliché of the "feel-good factor" or something with buzz in it, with its Venn diagram of meanings of telephone, buzz off, drugs, sex and buzzing around like a one-armed paperhanger. Or perhaps a recycling of pizzazz, coined by an American fashion editor. But zest comes from the same image-stable as those old maids forever bicycling to Communion down country lanes and the bastards who want to see their names carved in bronze with a dim echo of the poet Horace.

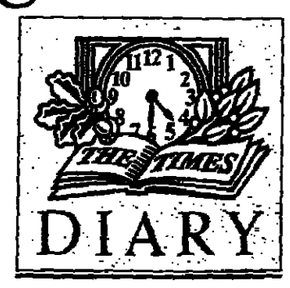
Apart from being useful for Scrabble, zest is a zany zebra of a word. It came from the French fashion of adding a thin scraping of the outer peel of orange or lemon to a drink to pep it up. As metaphor for something agreeable and then for hearty enjoyment of something agreeable, zest became a buzzword. The citations in the Dictionary are all drawn from masters of literature. Keats *To Fanny*: "That sweet minor zest / Of love, your kiss." Sarah Gamp went to a lying-in or a laying-out with equal zest. Bertrand Russell defined the word well: "What hunger is in relation to food, zest is in relation to life."

But the origins of the French *zeste* are as zero as the zebu. Some say it is a synonym for the old French *zec*, but for whence that came they offer the etymologist's failed-again zero of "o.o.o." (of obscure origin). Others offer *baste* (Italian *basta*), "Enough!" Some French dictionaries suggest the echoic *zest* or "Nonsense!", as in in *être entre le zist et le zest*, to be neither one thing nor the other. One otherwise sound encyclopaedia derives *zest* from *scistus*, under the misapprehension that this is the Latin from "having been cut". Twanging a zither at a venture, how about deriving it, by a wordslide, from *gusto*, found in many European languages, and descended from the Latin *gustus*, taste?

Zest, as an electioneering buzzword, sounds quaint and grey to the trendies. I am sure the Saatchis and Mandelsons pucker their mouths at it, as though tasting a lemon. It is a funny old word. But politics is a funny old game. And for more than half the population, who need to have the clever advertisements explained to them, and even then don't quite understand them, there is something reassuring about funny old words from childhood. Mr Major's strength is his apparent ordinariness, in language as in appearance.

Grey is the subtlest of colours, and the most familiar to the British temperament. Van Dyke painted us in 30 different shades of grey. The most beautiful lines in English start: "Now came still evening on, and twilight grey / Had in her sober livery all things clad . . ." Generations of schoolchildren had to translate them into Latin elegiacs, a testing exercise, for Latin has no generic words for either grey or brown. When Smart Alecs mock Mr Major for being grey and tucking his shirt-tails into his underpants, they are recommending him to most of the population, who are rather like him. Politicians do better to write their own speeches and say what comes naturally, which is what the electors thought they were voting for. Neil Kinnock's finest hour came when he told a television interviewer: "I refuse to sit here and be kebabbed by you." Not only did he slap down that the pushy interviewer on all our behalves, but he added a sharp new image to political discourse, which viewers immediately understood. Mr Major may not have the wandering way with words of the Welsh Windbag, but his grey zest adds a natural flavour to our political vocabulary.

Still grata



THERE is an Inspector Dreyfus twitch about Neil Hamilton, MP, these days — not surprising after the mauling he has had in recent weeks. On Wednesday evening he was attending a dinner for Sloaney young Conservatives at the Café Royal, which attracted 20 or so other MPs and ministers.

Looking relaxed, aside from his new tic, he seemed excited about the Court of Appeal's decision to quash Michael Howard's refusal to grant British citizenship to Mohamed Al Fayed, Hamilton's Inspector Clouseau: "It's terrific news," he said, to fish-eyed gawps from his chinless audience. "Finally, the Home Office will have to come out and say exactly why his citizenship was denied. Then everything will be clear."

There was no hostility towards Hamilton from his fellow MPs. "I thought he was *persona non grata*," muttered a suit to one of the few younger MPs on parade. "My God no," replied the MP, his mouth creasing into a camp smile. "Excuse my Latin, but he is *persona tota grata*."

● *Celebrations of the narrow Tory victory in the Commons on BSE on Wednesday evening spilt over into Annabel's, the Berkeley Square nightclub. Well after midnight, a troupe of whips and junior Agriculture Ministers came snaking in past the surgically assisted blondes in the bar. Led by Sebastian Coe, junior whip and MP for Falmouth, they did not stay long but left grinning broadly.*

Marjinal

THOUGH I am loath to return to the subject of the spritely Editor of the *Daily Mirror*, Piers Morgan, his endeavours on behalf of the paper last week were so outstanding that they must be recorded.

When the *Mirror*'s agony aunt Marje Proops died, "Guten" Morgan demanded tributes from the highest in the land. "Not just celebrities, serious people," he thrashed, glancing down at a picture of dear old Marje with Harold Wilson. "Have you got a quote from Harold Wilson yet?" he demanded angrily. A dumbfounded silence. "But he's dead," replied a journalist. "Dead? Is he? Are you sure?" replied Guten. "Well get him through Doris Stokes then."

● *After more than seven years of helping to plot America's Republican revolution, Tony Blankley, the portly British-born mouthpiece for Newt Gingrich, is leaving Capitol Hill. Possessed of a droll wit and snazzy French cuffs, Blankley is said to be considering career options from TV pundit to adoptive father. Gingrich is unsurprised. "At the convention in San Diego people would ask him for his autograph, and I knew from that point on he would fly on his own 747."*

"Just got your lottery grant, have you?"

Who's where

NOT since it hosted the rally for Michael Portillo's tenth anniversary in Parliament has the Alexandra Palace seen an event to match last night's MTV awards. The real action, however, was down in central London where pop stars jostled for the chic-est in accommodation.

The hairy-scaries of Oasis were staying in the Conrad International in Chelsea Harbour, the one attraction of which was that it remained free of other pop stars. Madonna, with child, went for the more adult Lanesborough in Knightsbridge.

The Artist formerly known as Prince chose the hotel still known as the Dorchester, while Simply Red and the Irish contingent — U2, Sinead O'Connor, Van Morrison — shacked up at the modish Portobello. Anouska Hempel's stark new billet, The Hempel, had to make do with the George Michael party.

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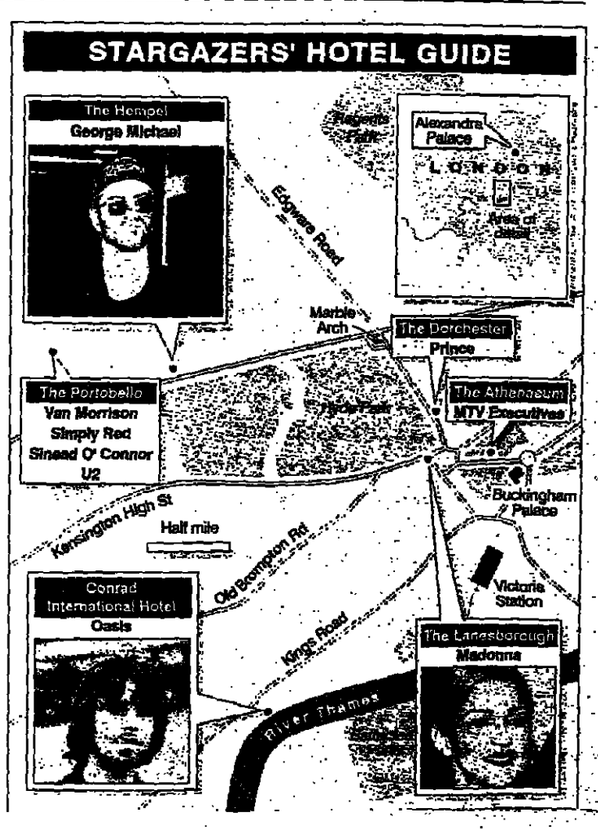

THE TIMES

CONGO FEVER

Mixed motives, muddled aims and a massive problem

Chided by the French, chivvied by the Americans and honourably moved to mitigate a huge *human catastrophe*, Britain is preparing to contribute up to 3,500 troops to a Canadian-led multinational force for eastern Zaire. In New York yesterday, senior military officials from Britain, the US, France, Canada and other troop-contributing nations were drafting a mission statement for action under Chapter 7, the enforcement clause of the United Nations Charter, for approval by the Security Council. Meanwhile, as our Africa correspondent vividly descibes on our front page today, the horrors of the Great Lakes were awaiting the visitors' arrival.

The broad objectives may seem clear enough: the first is to bring aid to a million helpless Rwandan refugees and to Zaireans displaced by the fighting in North and South Kivu provinces; the second is to make it possible for the Rwandan refugees to return home. But before any troops fly out into this rain-drenched Tropic, impermissible ambiguities have to be eliminated.

Once the troops have found and fed the refugees, what then? Are they to be coaxed home to Rwanda voluntarily, with access to international relief as bait, along "humanitarian corridors"? The French argue that aid must continue to be provided in Zaire to those who refuse the bait. Will that view prevail? Or must the refugees be sent home whether they like it or not — the outcome preferred by the Rwandan and Zairean Governments and almost every aid agency involved in the region since the camps were set up in 1994?

If the task of repatriation is shirked, a repeat of the present catastrophe is almost certain. Compulsory repatriation implies a degree of coercion and would require international protection for those returning to Rwandan reception centres. If the camps in Zaire are not well on their way to closure before the troops pull out, the operation will have failed. This fact must be faced now.

The second great question concerns the Rwandan Hutu *interahamwe* militias and their allies from the defeated former Rwandan Army. These are the ringleaders of the 1994 Rwandan massacres, defeated by the present Rwandan Government's forces. After forcing many Rwandans to flee with them across the border into Zaire, they established a reign of terror in the camps and are now using up to 400,000 refugees as human shields. Unless the multinational force separates these brutal militias from ordinary refugee families, they will continue to control for their own profit the distribution of food, water and medicines.

Opinion is divided on this issue. The Americans, mindful of Somalia, are adamant that their troops will not be used for such a risky operation of isolation and disarmament. So is France, which was for years the *interahamwe*'s armourer and patron. The British, rightly, do not exclude the necessity of confronting them. The UN mandate is expected to contain a phrase to the effect that the multinational force will not attempt to "modify the military balance in the area" — a phrase that leaves worrying scope for differing interpretations on the ground.

Provided that there is clarity on these critical points — and provided the rebels who currently control eastern Zaire agree to co-operate — the force now being assembled should be equal to the immediate humanitarian task of saving lives. Britain's decision to take part will also help its relations with Washington: a refusal to follow President Clinton's lead would send dangerous signals on Capitol Hill.

With prudent and appropriate modesty, no Western government is pretending to do more than apply high-tech palliatives. There is no talk of an international military solution to the turmoil enveloping the African Great Lakes or to the strong possibility that central government in Zaire will break down. But however temporarily and with whatever limited aims, British soldiers are about to face fierce challenges and the most serious risk.

HIS NUMBER IS UP

Davis is the wrong man to regulate the lottery

Had Peter Davis, Director-General of Oflot, been an otherwise exemplary watchdog of the National Lottery, then his misjudgment in accepting hospitality from one of the operators in the Camelot consortium might have been deemed just insufficient a reason for him to be dismissed. Now, however, it is becoming clear that Mr Davis is not even good at his day-to-day job. To the charges of weakness and lack of judgment can be added a third: incompetence.

A National Audit Office (NAO) report published in the summer into the running of the National Lottery discovered that, of the 21 checks devised to be run by Oflot on Camelot, only one had been fully implemented. On Wednesday night, Mr Davis was given a grilling by the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee (PAC). Alan Williams, the Labour MP, said that the report exposed the "worst administrative incompetence" that he had ever encountered. There had been "quite inadequate protection of the public interest", he said.

Worse, the NAO had not even been given the opportunity to examine the way in which Camelot's accounts had been put together. So it had to rely on information from Oflot. There is some dispute as to whether Mr Davis has the powers to send auditors into Camelot. Robert Sheldon, chairman of the PAC, thinks he has. Mr Davis claims that he has not. Either way, Camelot should itself welcome the NAO. If it is confident about its own probity, it will have nothing to hide. If it wants the public to be confident about its probity, it should relish the scrutiny.

Exactly two years since the lottery was launched, the controversies over its operation have clouded what should have been an unqualified success story. Each year, billions of pounds are being given to good causes at no cost to the Exchequer. The fruits of that money will soon be apparent to almost all in the land. But celebration is constrained by a sense of public unease. What should be the toughest regulatory office-of all is not up to scratch.

Some of the failings are the Government's fault. For example, the PAC recommended in its Report of Session 1994-95 that the NAO should have full access to the books and records of Camelot. The Treasury deemed this not to be "appropriate or necessary". When the legislation was drawn up, nobody seems to have thought about who should keep the interest on unclaimed prize money. Now Camelot is £7 million richer as a result and Oflot's pleas for the money to go to good causes have been ignored by the operator.

Mr Davis's job itself was badly designed. He should not have been responsible for both choosing and regulating the operator. But, however difficult the job, it has become increasingly clear that Mr Davis is the wrong man for it. He was described by members of the PAC on Wednesday as "dilatory" and "unimaginative" and was told that he should be "more proactive" in his control of Camelot. These criticisms come on top of the "serious lack of judgment" charges levelled at him earlier in the year.

Last December Virginia Bottomley, National Heritage Secretary, was on the verge of sacking the director-general. She should have done so; but if, as she said, the decision was then "finely balanced", the weights have surely come down now on the other side. She may have been worried about the bad publicity his dismissal would bring. She should consider instead the bad publicity that his continuance in office has engendered. Mr Davis should be replaced.

MASTERFUL MASTERMIND

The programme's passing will be much mourned

"You passed on just the one." How often has the retired teacher from Darlington or the librarian from Chichester inwardly winced as Magnus Magnusson gently reminded the occupant of the well-worn black leather chair that a lepidopterist is, of course, a butterfly collector or that Clytemnestra's son was Orestes? A rueful grin is the most the contestants are allowed: no cursing, no arguing. *Mastermind* has been a masterpiece of civilised intellectual jousting. The television contest has subjected more than 1,400 would-be brains of Britain to its rapid-fire interrogation. But as its inquisitor might put it, I started 25 years ago and now I must finish. *Mastermind* will be broadcast for the last time at the end of the next series.

At its zenith ("The point on the celestial sphere vertically above an observer?" "Correct") the programme attracted 12 million viewers; it still commands six million. The winners become national celebrities: the clerics, diplomats, schoolmistresses and taxi drivers with encyclopaedic knowledge not only of the Third Crusade or films of Alfred Hitchcock, but with all the trivia that furnish a well-stocked mind.

The programme has become a yardstick of the nation's intellectual attainment: if viewers could answer but one of the selves lucky; if they could answer half they could boast a well-rounded education. *Mastermind* has spawned a national obsession with general knowledge: from popular board games to raucous pub quizzes.

Mastermind's success has been due in part to a simple formula, in part to the consistency of its standards and in large measure to the gravitas, courtesy and reserved humour of its Icelandic-born question-master. The rules tried to ensure that no one picked a subject too narrow or banal; they also insisted that those making it through to the next round offer a different and unrelated specialised subject. But wily contestants could do a little question-spotting, especially for the general knowledge round. The inquisitors have their favourite niches of knowledge. Greek mythology is one; classifications — fungi, songbirds or monastic orders — another; painting, etymology and folklore are also popular. The skilled competitor has to shave seconds off each answer: a single word is better than a sentence, a pass better than waiting for a word on the tip of the tongue. The winners have set standards for the nation to emulate; and when *Mastermind* ends, a smart intellect will surely dream up a successor — *Fastermind*, perhaps — to

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Zaire: protection of aid 'not enough'

From the International Director of Oxfam

Sir, As an aid agency active in Central Africa, Oxfam is passionately committed to bringing humanitarian assistance at the earliest opportunity to those who have a right to it — Rwandan refugees and displaced Zaireans alike. But we must also strongly warn the international community and the British public that aid alone will not be enough. Unless permanent solutions are found to the deep-seated political crisis now spreading further across the whole region, there is no prospect of a quick end to such suffering.

We welcome the decision of Britain and the United States to join Canada in a military intervention to secure and protect humanitarian assistance (report, November 14), but we believe its mandate should not be confined solely to that aim. It must also make a key contribution to the efforts of the UN Special Envoy and others to achieve a political settlement in the region. Humanitarian, military and political strategies must work together.

Crucially this means that the intervention force should be mandated to disarm the genocidal militia and forces of the former Rwandan regime. These elements are responsible for up to one million deaths in Rwanda in 1994, have destabilised the region from their base in the camps, and continue to entrap the refugees, even at the cost of death by starvation and disease. Unless they are disarmed and separated it will be impossible to deliver humanitarian assistance safely, ethically and effectively to those who need it; and the goal of voluntary repatriation for the majority will not be achievable.

Ever since the refugees fled into Goma and elsewhere in 1994 the international community has hidden behind an "aid alone" strategy. Repeated calls for action against the militia from Oxfam and many other agencies who are involved with the refugees — and who therefore took a particular risk in speaking out publicly — have gone unheeded. The Security Council ducked the challenge in March 1995 when it voted on security options, but this time around its members have the chance to get it right by authorising both aid and political action.

States who are backing the military force are saying that they do not want to risk "involvement" in the regional politics. But by sending 12,000 troops into the region, along with a multi-million-dollar aid operation, they are becoming involved. The question is whether they do so in pursuit of a coherent and far-sighted strategy, capable of stopping this regional firestorm, or merely as a tactic in response to immediate pressures.

The Genocide Convention places a firm and inescapable duty on all states to find, seize and hold to account the perpetrators of genocide. Let the international community be wholehearted about its involvement, and let that involvement be on the side of justice.

Yours sincerely,
STEWART WALLIS,
International Director, Oxfam,
74 Banbury Road, Oxford.
November 14.

Children in poverty

From the Regional Director UK and Europe, Save the Children

Sir, Although Save the Children is pulling out of some of its long-term community projects in this country, we are not abandoning our work with young people in the UK (report, November 12). Our commitment to working with children and young people here, both directly and in partnership with communities, is as resolute now as it has been since 1923.

You rightly report a drop in our total income. We believe that the best impact of our diminished resources will in future be a combination of practical work, research and speaking out for children.

The situation facing young people in the UK today is getting worse. One in three lives in poverty; many face homelessness and unemployment; and there is a continuing crisis among children in care. It would be impossible for us to lessen our commitment to children in the UK.

Yours sincerely,
JUDY LISTER,
Regional Director UK and Europe,
Save the Children,
17 Grove Lane, SE5.
November 12.

Best form of defence?

From Mr Tim Beach

Sir, "Shirov's play", writes Raymond Keene, your chess correspondent, commenting on the Fontys tournament (November 11), "blended erudition and violence in pleasing measure". I am sure we all know what he means, but the image that comes to mind is of a gratified superior reporting on the performance of a Soviet commissar or a Spanish inquisitor.

Yours faithfully,
TIM BEACH,
253 Selhurst Road, SE25.
November 12.

Letters for publication may

Homosexuals and the Church

From Mrs Mary Rose de Lisle

Sir, After all the commotion surrounding Mrs Anne Atkins's *Thought for the Day* broadcast, and the impending Southwark Cathedral service, it was a relief to read Libby Purves's thoughtful and reasoned article "Broad enough for gays" (November 12). The point she makes about pairs of gay Christians living quietly together could well be applied to the Church of England as a whole.

As a member, I am saddened by the picture of our Church painted by the media. Schismatic, intolerant, quarrelling (as at Lincoln): why should anyone want to join us? But the reality is not so.

All over the country there are hard-working clergy caring for their parishioners, wellsupported by their lay people. They don't hit the headlines, but they are a force for good. Our broad Church encompasses a whole area of middle ground, as well as the conservative evangelical group Reform and the Gay Christian Movement. This has always been one of our strong points throughout history.

Yours sincerely,
MARY ROSE de LISLE,
Stockerston Hall,
Oakham, Leicestershire.
November 12.

From the Reverend David Holloway

Sir, Libby Purves is confusing in her discussion of homosexuality. It is true that "more or less universally" there is an acceptance that "homosexual desire is not a sin or a crime". But that is nothing new. Inappropriate sexual desires, whether homosexual or heterosexual, have long been seen as morally neutral. Giving in is the sin, and that is still the view of most people.

According to the *Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles* survey (Blackwell, Oxford, 1994, p241), the great majority of men in Britain (70 per cent) think that sex between two men is always or mostly wrong. Well over half (58 per cent) of women think the same. In America, according to the 1989 *General Social Survey*, threequarters of the respondents thought homosexual acts were always or almost always wrong.

Libby Purves implies that Southwark Cathedral on Saturday will be full of mostly "mild, thoughtful, morally rather conventional people". But the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, as well as publicising the celebration at Southwark, also publicises literature that encourages what Libby Purves describes as the "freewheeling, cruising, cottaging, clubbing" lifestyle.

Yours faithfully,
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Council member, Reform),
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November 12.

Gurkha ruling is 'mean and shabby'

From Air Vice-Marshal Edward Crew

Sir, I was dismayed to read your report that the Gurkhas now stationed in Hong Kong are to be withdrawn to Britain unaccompanied by their families when the colony is returned to China (November 13; see also leading article same day).

Anyone who has served in any theatre where Gurkhas were also serving knows very well their quality as soldiers, and the debt that this country owes them. They have fought with us in two world wars as well as many smaller campaigns in recent years — the Falklands, Malaya and Borneo among others. Several have won the VC, the last comparatively recently in Borneo.

Surely we can treat these men more generously. There has been — and still is — ample time and ample accommodation to make proper provision for these men and their families. Obviously there are occasions when unaccompanied service is necessary. But a preplanned redeployment to Britain is not one of them.

There is still time to reconsider this apparently rather mean and shabby decision. I hope this will be done.

Yours etc,
EDWARD CREW,
13 Silver Street,
Tetbury, Gloucestershire.
November 13.

From Mr C. R. Barnett

Sir, Given their long, loyal and distinguished service to the country, of course the Gurkhas should be accommodated in Britain.

However, adapting the new quarters at John Moore Barracks in Folkestone, as you suggest, is unnecessary. Simply releasing some of the thousands of married quarters which have remained empty — in the case of the 120 at Old Park Barracks in Dover for years, not months — would solve the problem.

Yours faithfully,
C. R. BARNETT
(Director of Health and Housing),
Dover District Council,
White Cliffs Business Park,
Dover, Kent.

Bar pupillage

From His Honour Judge David McCarthy

Sir, William Healing ("The battle for the Bar", November 5) complains that "only half of all [Bar] pupils get a subsistence wage of £6,000 a year". His choice of words betrays a common misunderstanding which the Bar itself has done little to dispel.

No pupil barrister receives a wage. There is no reason why he should. He is not employed by anyone. Unlike the work done for a solicitor by an articled clerk, that done by a Bar pupil is rarely of value except to himself.

If the efforts of an advanced pupil are in fact used, then he is entitled to a proportion of his master's fee. By contrast, if a master does his job properly (and almost all of them do) he will spend many hours teaching the pupil.

Because the master is self-employed those hours represent money out of his own pocket. Until some 20 years ago the pupil would pay him a nominal fee, traditionally 100 guineas, for these enormously valuable services. Those without private means (like most of us) did other work before coming to the Bar and saved up the necessary funding. Nowadays the master provides his services entirely free of charge.

The £6,000 therefore is not remuneration, it is an allowance provided by working barristers from their personal earnings. It is not a necessary overhead: it is a gift. Some barristers contribute out of a sense of moral obligation, others because of pragmatic pressures.

Either way, it remains a personal gift from one human being to another. Perhaps we should not be surprised if the children of the welfare state find that difficult to understand.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID McCARTHY,
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Bethesda Street, Hanley,
Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire.
November 9.

Gas price control

From the Director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy

Sir, The gas regulator Clare Spottiswoode (Business, November 9) describes her decision on gas supply price control, which will apparently reduce the average domestic gas bill by a further £7, as good news for customers and good news for British Gas. Perhaps. But it is unlikely to be good news for the environment.

Over the past ten years, the price of gas paid by commercial customers has dropped in real terms by 55 per cent. When prices fall, pressure to use fuel carefully eases. Based upon the Government's own calculations, these reductions have led to businesses consuming 22 per cent more gas than they might have done, had prices remained constant.

Gas is a fossil fuel. It is therefore not just a finite resource; its consumption is also one of the main causes of climate change. More profligate use of gas means more carbon dioxide and methanes in the atmosphere.

The gas regulator, in addition to her duty to promote competition, is charged with promoting efficient use, and with protecting the physical environment. By concentrating upon reducing the cost per unit of gas, we believe she is devoting insufficient attention to these other duties.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW WARREN,
Director, Association for the Conservation of Energy,
Westgate House, Prebend Street, N1.

Library funding

From the Chairman of Arlesey Town Council

Sir, I expect Anne Campbell and other MPs (letter, November 11) mean well in their concern to have a computer terminal in every library. Arlesey is not alone in its campaign to keep its threatened local library (which is also the school library) open at all. Please, MPs, campaign for the whole public library service, not least in rural communities.

Yours faithfully,
F. HARROWELL,
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30 Station Road,
Arlesey, Bedfordshire.
November 11.

Reader loyalty

From Mr Peter Miles

Sir, Filling in *The Times* Questionnaire, enclosed with Saturday's issue, I was asked how often I buy certain newspapers.

Since I do not buy *The Daily Telegraph*, should I have ticked "less than once a week" or "never" — or both?

Yours still faithfully,
PETER MILES,
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November 12.

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'Naked' future for Stone of Scone

From Professor Emeritus G. D. S. Henderson, FSA, and Dr I. B. Henderson, FSAScot

Sir, However picturesquely the Scottish establishment dresses up the reception and relocation of the Stone of Scone, its disassociation from the Chair of St Edward the Confessor in Westminster Abbey marks a real cultural loss and diminution of our nation's sense of the past. We write as Scots who have spent much of their working lives in the study and interpretation of the history and art of medieval Scotland.

The Stone of Scone's authenticity, to say nothing of its visual impact, is wholly bound up in its physical relation with the wooden chair, fully documented as being custom-built to house it in the year 1300, "made ful fyne" by the leading craftsmen of the time. The resulting reliquary throne, solemnly placed alongside the shrine of a royal saint, has been until now a unique survivor and one of the most venerable objects in Western Europe. Even from the point of view of the history of furniture, the status of St Edward's Chair has been pretty high.

That this interesting and significant, not to say sacred, complex — which, incidentally, under King James VI and I was taken to symbolise the union of the Scottish and English crowns — should be so easily violated, with no obvious logic or excuse, indicates an unwelcome new roughness, in place of the accustomed informed caution, in the official handling and disposal of "heritage" materials. The arguments for not removing the Stone from Westminster Abbey have been little canvassed in public, and it is now too late to do so.

Whatever pseudo-medieval, necessarily speculative, late 20th-century visual presentation is now contrived for it, the Stone of Scone has been effectively stripped of 700 years of genuine historical context and of a setting of transcendental beauty and decorum. In Edinburgh it will simply be exposed "in all its naked improbability", to lift a phrase from W. F. Skene's classic article on the Stone, published in 1869.

Yours faithfully,
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November 11.

NHS aftercare

From Mr P. A. Pennant-Rea

Sir, In contrast to the elderly man mentioned by Ms Tessa Jowell, MP (article, November 6), I am another old man who came out of hospital three weeks ago after an operation. I was returned home in an ambulance (with one other patient) accompanied by the driver, a paramedic and a nurse who was responsible for handing over to my wife all my medication. Awaiting me was the occupational therapeutic equipment I would need.

On almost every day since, a member of the district nursing service has been to my house with all the necessary dressings to replace the discarded ones. I have been attended almost every morning by a member of the community care services whose help in washing, dressing and bed-making has been much appreciated. My doctor has also called to see me.

If Ms Jowell can tell me of any other National Health Service which can approach ours in general efficiency, I shall be glad to hear from her.

Yours truly,
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November 12.

Socks appeal

From Mrs Liz Calvert Smith

Sir, Whilst researching an article on old remedies, I discovered this 19th-century one which may be of some help to those who suffer from foot odour (Dr Stuttaford, November 11): "The unpleasant odour from perspiring feet may be prevented by sprinkling oatmeal in the socks, as used in the army; or, sprinkle bran in the socks frequently. Try either with good effect."

Who knows, it may work.

Yours faithfully,
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48-hour week

From Mr David Green

Sir, I dare say that professional institutes representing solicitors and accountants are sending out advice leaflets as a matter of urgency, to reassure members that under the new EU ruling they are not obliged to work 48 hours per week and take three weeks holiday a year (letters, November 14); furthermore the directive has no bearing on the total number of hours per week chargeable.

Sighs of relief will be heard rattling windows all over the country.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
60 Windmill Road.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 14: General Sir John Wilsey was received by The Queen upon relinquishing his appointment as Commander-in-Chief Headquarters Land Command.

His Excellency Monsieur Yao Attoungbré and Madame Attoungbré were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Mr Ben Ulenga was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of Namibia in London.

Mrs Ulenga was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

Mr Peter Redgrove was received by The Queen when Her Majesty presented him with The Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry.

The Poet Laureate (Mr Ted Hughes) was present.

The following were received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon their appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassadors: Mr David Colvin (the Kingdom of Belgium), Mr Basil Eastwood (the Syrian Arab Republic) and Mr David Manning (the State of Israel).

Mrs Colvin and Mrs Manning were also received by The Queen.

Mr John Wilde was received in audience by Her Majesty upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Republic of the Gambia.

Mrs Wilde was also received by The Queen.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, today attended The Duke of Edinburgh's Award General Council at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor).

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening attended a Dinner at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Brigadier Alan Breitmeyer (Honorary Member of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms) at the Funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Peter Clifton (formerly Clerk of the Cheque and Adjutant of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms) which was held in All Saints Church, Dummer, today.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 14: The Prince Edward, Trustee, today attended the Duke of Edinburgh's Award General Council at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 14: The Princess Royal, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning visited Lanarkshire Carers Centre, 36 Cadzow Street, Hamilton, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Lanarkshire (Mr Hutchison Sneddon).

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this afternoon attended a fund-raising Luncheon at the Merchants House, West George Street, Glasgow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Patrick Lally, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

The Princess Royal, Patron, SENSE — the National Deafblind and Rubella Association, later visited the Sense Day Centre, Claremont Centre, Durham Street, Glasgow.

Her Royal Highness, President, afterwards visited Clarence Court, Crow Road, Broomhill, Glasgow, to receive a cheque on behalf of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers from Ashbourne Homes.

The Princess Royal, Patron, British Executive Service Overseas, subsequently attended a Fund-raising Reception at City Chambers, Glasgow.

Her Royal Highness, President, Scottish Chambers of Commerce, this evening attended the Annual Dinner at the Forte Posthouse Hotel, Bothwell Street, Glasgow.

CLARENCE HOUSE

November 14: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), was present this evening at a Reception given by the London Branch of The Black Watch Association at the Victory Services Club.

Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox and Major Charles MacEwan were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 14: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Prince of Wales.

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 14: The Duke of Gloucester, President, Institute of Advanced Motorists, attended a luncheon at the Cavalry and Guards Club, 127 Piccadilly, London SW1.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 14: The Duke of Kent, Chairman, the National Electronics Council, this evening attended the Mountbatten Memorial Lecture, at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, London WC2.

The Queen has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:

KCVO

To be a Knight Commander: Aubrey Leland Oakes, Baron Buxton of Alsa, MC.

MVO

To be a Member: Angela Thirze Margaret, Mrs Giacometti.

Service dinners

RN College Greenwich

Dr Jonathan Sacks, the Chief Rabbi, was the principal guest at a mess guest night dinner held last night at the Royal Naval College Greenwich. Commander J.M.C. Maughan, Commander of the College, presided.

The Black Watch Association

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief of The Black Watch, was received by Brigadier G.C. Barnett, Colonel of the Regiment, and Colonel R.I.L Ker, chairman of the London branch of the Black Watch Association, at a reception held last night at the Victory Services Club before the annual dinner of the London branch of the Black Watch Association.

Batti-Wallahs' Society

Commodore A.J.C. Morrow, RN, Commanding Officer of *HMY Britannia* was the guest speaker at the anniversary ladies' luncheon of the Batti-Wallahs' Society held yesterday at No 1 Whitehall Place. Mr Kenneth Druce, president of the society, was in the chair. Vice-Admiral Sir Philip Watson also spoke.

ASADOUR GUZELIAN

Strong attraction: shire horses from Bradford Industrial Museum ploughing the walled garden at Harewood House, near Leeds, yesterday in preparation for four Sunday exhibition ploughs, starting this weekend. The garden is rarely open to the public

Birthdays today

Mr Peter Phillips is 19 years old today.

Mr Ed Asner, actor, 67; Mr J.G. Ballard, novelist, 66; Mr John M. Banfield, chairman, Mobil Oil Company, 49; Mr Daniel Barenboim, pianist and conductor, 54; Mr Andrew Castle, tennis player, 33; Sir Geoffrey Chandler, former Director-General, NEDO, 74; Miss Petula Clark, singer, 64; Mr André Deutsch, publisher, 79; Professor Peter Dickinson, pianist and composer, 62; Mr Tibor Fischer, author, 37; Mr Martin Hammond, Headmaster, Tonbridge School, 52; Miss Paula Kahn, former chairman and chief executive, Longman Group, 56; Mr Aleksander Kwasniewski, President of Poland, 42; Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish, 58; Sir Alistair MacKechnie, chartered accountant, 62; Mr Tim Pears, writer, 40; Mr D.D. Rae Smith, chartered accountant, 77; Major-General J.K. Shepheard, 88; Canon Eric Staples, former Chaplain to the Queen, 86; Mr Ralph Stubbs, racehorse trainer, 51; Mr John W. Tanner, former UN Director for Jordan, 73; Sir Roger Young, former Principal, George Watson's College, Edinburgh, 73.

Luncheon

The Tablet

Lord Hunt of Tanworth and Lord Harvington, Chairman and Deputy-Chairman of the Tablet Publishing Company, were the guests of honour at a luncheon to mark their retirement given by the Directors of *The Tablet* at the Royal Thames Yacht Club on Thursday, November 14.

Receptions

Royal Anniversary Trust

Lord Younger of Prestwick, chairman of the Royal Anniversary Trust, was the host at a reception held last night at St James's Palace to announce the prizewinning institutions of the 1996 biennial round of The Queen's Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education. Mr Robin Gill, founder trustee and chairman of the executive, announced the winners.

Goldsmiths College
University of London

Goldsmiths College, University of London, held a reception hosted by Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, at the Goldsmiths' Hall on November 13 and attended by the College's Honorary Fellows. Sir Paul Girolami, Chairman of Council, and the Warden, Professor Kenneth Gregory, promoted the College's development opportunities.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Pitt the Elder, 1st Earl of Chatham, Prime Minister 1756-61 and 1766-68, London, 1708; Sir William Herschel, astronomer, Hanover, 1738; Johann Kaspar Lavater, physiognomist and poet, Zurich, 1741; Richard Henry Dana, poet, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1787; Gerhart Hauptmann, dramatist, Nobel laureate 1912, Obersalzbrunn, Silesia, 1862; August Krogh, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1920, Grenaa, Denmark, 1874; Marianne Moore, poet, St Louis, Missouri, 1887; Erwin Rommel, Commander of the German Afrika Corps in the Second World War, Heidenheim, 1891; Aneurin Bevan, statesman, Tredegar, 1897; Sir Sacheverell Sitwell, writer, Scarborough, 1897.

DEATHS: Johannes Kepler, astronomer, Regensburg, Germany, 1630; Johann Comenius, educator, Naarden, 1670; Christoph Gluck, composer, Vienna, 1787; George Romney, portrait painter, Kendal, Cumbria, 1802; Jean-Baptiste Say, political economist, Paris, 1832; William Murdock, inventor, Soho, 1839; Tz'u-Hsi, dowager Empress of China, Peking, 1908; Henryk Sienkiewicz, novelist, Nobel laureate 1905, Vevey, 1916; Lionel Barrymore, actor, Van Nuys, California, 1954; Margaret Mead, anthropologist, New York, 1978.

The *SS St Paul* became the first ship to receive radio messages, transmitted from the Needles wireless station off the Isle of Wight, 1899.

Miller Reese of New York patented an electrical hearing aid, 1901.

The Queen Elizabeth made her final voyage, 1968.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, will attend the Cheltenham Countryside Day at noon.

The Princess Margaret, President, The Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, will attend the Touch of Tartan Ball at Aberdeen, at 8.00 in aid of the society.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief, will attend a Devonshire and Dorset Regimental dinner at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, at 7.35.

Latest wills

Kenneth Vaughan Smith, chartered accountant, of Sunningdale, Berkshire, left estate valued at £2,964,957 net.

Simon Alan Spearing, of Cheam, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,159,588 net.

Memorial services

Mrs R.E.S. Wyatt

The Prime Minister was represented by Lord Wyatt of Weeford at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs R.E.S. (Mollie) Wyatt held yesterday at St John's Wood Church. The Rev John Slater officiated, assisted by the Right Rev Lord Runcie, who led the prayers and pronounced the blessing.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Stephenson read the lesson and Mr Jonathan Wyatt, son, read *The Power of the Dog* by Rudyard Kipling. Sir Timothy Rice gave an address.

Members of the family, members of both Houses of Parliament, representatives of the MCC, the TCCB, the Cricket Society, the National Animal Welfare Trust, the National Canine Defence League and many other friends were also present.

Mr Michael Cottrell

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Michael Cottrell, Chairman of Matthew Clark, Enterprise Inns and Saccone & Speed (Gibraltar), was held yesterday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street. Father Michael Beattie, SJ, officiated and Mr Philip Cottrell, son, led the bidding prayers.

Mr Edward Cottrell, son, read the lesson and Mr Hamish McDonald Lockhart read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Sir Jonathan Parker gave an address.

Mrs Daphne Macdonald

A memorial service for Mrs Daphne Macdonald, war heroine, was held yesterday at Holy Trinity, Brompton. The Rev Sandy Millar officiated and gave an address. Mr Alexander Macdonald, son, and Mr Anthony Goldingham read the lessons.

Ambassador of Sweden

A Memorial Service for Mr Lars-Åke Nilsson, Ambassador of Sweden to the Court of St James's, will be held on Wednesday, December 18, at 3pm at St Martin-in-the-Fields, WC2.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Dr David Stone, Vicar, St Jude, Courtfield Gardens: also Area Dean of Chelsea (London).

The Rev Jonathan Thacker, Vicar, united parish of Brothertoft: to be Priest-in-charge, St George w St Michael, Crosby, Scunthorpe (Lincoln).

The Rev William Weir, Priest-in-charge, Forest Gate, Emmanuel w St Peter, Upton Cross: to be Vicar, Forest Gate, Emmanuel w St Peter, Upton Cross (Chelmsford).

The Rev Barbara Wilkinson, Honorary Curate, Carleton and Lothersdale: to be Assistant Priest, Steeton, and part-time Anglican Chaplaincy Assistant at Airedale General Hospital (Bradford).

The Rev John Wilkinson, Priest-in-charge, All Saints' Kings Heath: to be Vicar, All Saints's, Kings Heath (Birmingham).

The Rev Martin Wood, Team Rector, Elland: to be *also* Rural Dean of Brighouse and Elland (Wakefield).

The Rev Christopher Woodman, Assistant Curate, St Margaret's, Leigh-on-Sea: to be Team Vicar, Canvey Island Team Ministry (Chelmsford).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev David Baker, Vicar, The Ascension, Stirchley (Birmingham): to resign December 31.

The Rev Wing On Pang, Team Vicar, Mildenhall Team Ministry (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to resign November 30, and return to work in the diocese of Hong Kong.

The Rev Amanda Rylands: to resign as Adviser in Children's Work (Chester): continuing as Curate (NSM), Acton, Worleston, Wettenhall and Church Minshull.

Canon Dick Williams, Rector, St Mary, Wavertree (Liverpool): to retire February 8.

Elections

Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol

The following have been elected officers of the Society of Merchant Venturers of the City of Bristol for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr R.E.J. Bernays; Senior Warden, Mr D.M. Parkes; Junior Warden, Mr J.M. Woolley; First Assistant, Mr F.J. Avery.

Lecture

London Association of Bereavement Services

Sir Ludovic Kennedy and Dr Nigel Sykes were the principal speakers at a debate on euthanasia held by the London Association of Bereavement Services last night at the Medical Society of London.

Dinners

HM Government

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the President of Latvia and Mrs Ulmane.

American Chamber of Commerce (UK)

The American Ambassador was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the American Chamber of Commerce (UK) held yesterday at the Dorchester. Sir Brian Goswell, president of the chamber, presided.

Gray's Inn

The Treasurer, Mr Conrad Dehn, QC, and the Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn entertained the following guests last night at dinner in Hall, it being the Grand Day of Michaelmas Term: Lord Renton, QC, Lord Griffiths, Lord Borrie, QC, Lord Taverne, QC, Sir Richard Scott, Lord Justice Peter Gibson (treasurer, Lincoln's Inn), Lady Greengross, Mr Edward Nugee, QC (treasurer, Inner Temple), Mr Michael Sherrard, QC (treasurer, Middle Temple), Mr Francis Jacobs, QC, Mr David Penry-Davey, QC, Canon Eric James and Mr David Machin (under-treasurer).

Royal Engineers Museum Foundation

General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer and President of the Royal Engineers Museum Foundation, presided at the annual dinner of vice-presidents and trustees held last night at Brooks's.

Fruiterers' Company

The Master and Wardens dinner of the Fruiterers' Company was held last night at Cutlers' Hall. Mr Michael Tanguy, Master, Mr Fred Whitsey, Vice-President of the Royal Horticultural Society, Mr Anthony Redsell, Renter Warden, and Mr Hugh Kelsey were the speakers. Alderman Sir Peter Levene and Mr Kenneth Ayers were among those present.

Printers' Charitable Corporation

Sir Frank Rogers, President of the Printers' Charitable Corporation, presided at the festival dinner last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr Frank Barlow, chairman of council, announced Mr Jeremy Marshall as president for 1997.

Service luncheon

King's African Rifles and East African Forces

Brigadier Malcolm Page presided at a members' luncheon of the King's African Rifles and East African Forces Dinner Club held yesterday in Exeter.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr O.J. Barrett and Miss N. Styan

The engagement is announced between Oliver Julian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Martin Barrett, of Chesterfield, and Natalie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Styan, of Wressle, East Yorkshire.

Mr T.J. Carter and Miss H.C.D. Thompson

The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Carter, of Putney, London, and Harriet, elder daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Timothy Thompson, of Chrishall, Hertfordshire.

Mr J.M. Green and Miss J.Y. Salas

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Green, of Buckinghamshire, and Yasmin, daughter of Dr and Mrs Dominador Salas, of New Jersey.

Major J.D.S. Moir and Miss H.L. Mallaby

The engagement is announced between Major Julian Moir, The King's Royal Hussars, only son of Mr Douglas Moir, of Kuching, Sarawak, and of Mrs Robin Bryer, of Closworth, Dorset, and Harriet, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Mallaby, of London.

Dr P.W. Robinson and Mrs P.E. Stille

The engagement is announced between Bill, son of the late Dr D. Robinson and of Mrs J. Robinson, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire, and Priscilla, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.E. Stille, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

Mr P.C.G. Schwerdt and Miss N.S. Fontes

The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr G.P.P. Schwerdt, of Colombo, Sri Lanka, and Mrs G. Hutton, of Portbury, Bristol, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.R. Fontes, of Dalston, Cumbria.

Mr M.J. Thorpe and Miss E.J. Campbell

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Thorpe, of Everdon, Northamptonshire, and Emma Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan Campbell, of The Level, Birnie, Elgin, Moray.

Mr A.P. Wass and Miss A.C.G. Humphreys

The engagement is announced between Andrew Paul, son of Sir Douglas and Lady Wass, of Wimbledon, London, and Annabella Claire Gough (Mopsy), younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Humphreys, of Smannell, Hampshire.

Mr J.G.V. Worsfold and Miss S.M. Whyte

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs John Worsfold, of East Sutton, Kent, and Sarah, daughter of Mrs Liz Whyte, of Tunbridge Wells and the late Mr Norman Whyte.

Maritime Foundation

Countess Mountbatten of Burma, President of the British Maritime Charitable Foundation, presented the 1996 Desmond Wettern Maritime Media Award at a reception held last night on board *HQS Wellington* to Mr Richard Scott in recognition of his editorial contribution in the relaunching of *Navy International* under the banner of the Janes Information Group. Captain Ashe Lincoln, QC, RNR, presided and the response on behalf of the guests was made by last year's joint winner, Mr Robert White of *Channel 4 News*. The Award sponsors, senior naval officers and members of the maritime industries were among those present.

Consecration

The Bishop of Chester and the Suffragan Bishop of Warrington were consecrated by the Archbishop of York in York Minster on Wednesday and not enthroned.

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I know that there is nothing good for anyone except to be happy and live the best life he can while he is alive. Ecclesiastes 3 : 12

BIRTHS

BREWSTER - On October 30th, to Brigitte and John, a son, Alexander James, a brother for Katherine and Christopher.

CRAWFORD - On November 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Chantal (née Eyre) and James, a daughter, Megan Matilda Eyre.

EDWARDS - On November 6th, 1996 to Vanessa (née Toll) and Mark, a son, Maximillian Christopher Courtenay.

GOBOURN - On November 13th, to Claire (née Smith-Carington) and Andrew, a son, Toby, a brother for Camilla and Harry.

GRANT - On 12th November, to Milly-May (née Watson-Smyth) and Mark, a daughter, Honor Evie Amy, a sister for Louie Elvis and Hope Echo.

HOCKADAY - On 7th November, to Polly (née MacAndrew) and Tom, a daughter, Emily Madeline, a sister for Rose.

HUNTER - On 22nd October 1996, to Sarah (née Reed) and Johnnie, a daughter, Abigail Mary, a sister for Georgina.

KIERNAN - On November 9th 1996 at The Portland Hospital, to Felicity (née Pearce) and Peter, a wonderful daughter, Mary Grace Elizabeth.

MEAD - On November 10th 1996, to Sarah (née James) and Timothy, a son, Daniel James, a brother for Lucy.

MILNES-JAMES - On November 10th, to Fiona (née Munro) and Richard, a beautiful daughter, Isabella Alice Munro.

RITCHIE - On 12th November 1996, to Nicki (née Harris) and Andrew, a daughter, Flora Alice, a sister for

BIRTHS

SANDS - On November 13th 1996, at The Wessex Maternity Centre, to Caroline (née Dickenson) and Trevor, a son, Andrew Martin James, a brother for Imogen.

SPELLER - On 9th November 1996 at the Buchanan Hospital, Hastings, to Sarah (née Edney) and Bruce, a son, Hugo William, a brother for Georgina and Teddy.

WILKINSON - On November 5th 1996 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Nadya and Tim, a daughter, Olivia Elizabeth Locke.

DEATHS

BIRCH - Dorothy (née Lawson) on November 6th. Widow of Reg Birch, much missed mother and grandmother. Funeral took place on November 13th.

BUSHMAN - Isabella, infant daughter of Richard and Harriet, born 25th October 1996, died peacefully at Porthpean House on 14th November 1996.

CAMERON - Dr. Clive Bramner (Bram). On 13th November at home. Beloved husband of Rosalind and father of Sarah, James and Andrew. Funeral Service to take place at St Michael and All Angels, West Overton, nr. Marlborough on Monday, 18th November at noon.

COCKLE - Geertruida Wilhelmina of Little Chalfont, Bucks., formerly of Pinner, Middlesex. Died at Amersham Whitehouse on 12th November 1996, aged 86 years. Born in the Hague in 1910, she was the widow of Walter Ponsonby Shaw Cockle (1902-1955), lamented by her son Walter, daughter-in-law Helen and grandson Christopher. Funeral service at Pinner New Chapel on Thursday November 21st at 11 am, followed by interment. Enquiries to T.A. Ellement & Son Ltd, tel: (0181) 866-

DEATHS

CRASTON - Enid Mary - Suddenly but peacefully in London on November 12th. Much loved widow of John, mother of Stephen, Matthew and Edmund and grandmother of Juliette, Justine, Harold, Tilly, Eliza, Tabitha and Johnny. Requiem Mass at St Vincents Church, Altrincham on Tuesday November 19th at 12 noon. Donations to the Royal Marsden N.H.S. Trust c/o Kenneth Dewey & Sons, tel: (0161) 980-7010.

DUFFY - On November 10th peacefully at home in Hampton, Fiona Mary aged 41 years. Beloved wife of Jim and mother of Sarah and much loved daughter of Tony and Jacqueline. Funeral Service at St Theodore's R.C. Church, Hampton, at 10 am on Monday November 18th followed by interment at Teddington Cemetery at 11.30 am.

FARROW - George A., of Winston, died in hospital November 9th aged 75 years. A loving and much loved family man. A private cremation service has already taken place.

FRAMPTON - Len, past Chairman of L.V.N.H., passed peacefully away at home on Wednesday 13th November aged 88 years. Will be sadly missed by his wife Gladys, daughters and their families. Funeral Service on Wednesday 20th November at St Nicholas Church, Saltdean, 11.15 am, followed by cremation at the Woodvale Crematorium (The North Chapel) at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Coppercliff Hospice, c/o E. Carter & Son, 20 Marine Drive, Rottingdean, tel: (01273)

GROVES - John Farnfield on 10th November 1996 peacefully at home after a long illness. Requiem Mass at All Saints Church, Margaret Street, W1, 12 noon Wednesday 20th November, followed by private cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired to All Saints Church Roof Appeal c/o J.H. Kenyon, 83 Westbourne Grove, London W2 4UL, (0171) 229-3810.

HANLEY - On 13th November, Sarah Ann aged 37, very deeply loved daughter of Maggie and the late Jimmy Hanley, very special sister of Jane and Katy, Jeremy and Jenny and much loved friend of Patrick Gordon. Funeral at St Lawrence Church, Effingham, on Wednesday 20th November at 11.30 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations if desired in Sarah's memory to The Royal Marsden Childrens Cancer Unit Appeal, Downs Road, Sutton, Surrey.

HARGREAVES - Alan Bennet (A.B.), died on November 14th aged 92, peacefully at the Stanley Hospital close to his home in Ulverston, Cumbria. Funeral at 12 noon on Wednesday 20th November at Thorncliffe Crematorium, Devonshire Road, Barrow-in-Furness, followed by a wake at the Farmers Arms, Lowick Green, Greenodd. No flowers please. Donations if desired to any Mountain Rescue Team. Enquiries to Little & Caine, (01229) 586970.

HERRING - David on November 12th aged 60 very suddenly of heart failure in hospital, Bristol, after a long and courageous fight against a disabling illness; much loved husband of Elizabeth and dear father of Patrick, William and Sarah. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, The Drive, Henleaze, Bristol, Monday 18th November 12 noon followed by burial at Canford. Family flowers

JEFFERIS MORGAN - Jacqueline on November 12th, 1996. She is survived by her three daughters Lynn Goulandris, Jody Lambros, Jacqueline van Zuylen, and seven grandchildren. A memorial mass is being held on Friday 15th November at Saint-Honoré d'Eylau, 75116 Paris.

JENKINS - Douglas, KCSG, CHS, CRSS. On November 13th 1996, aged 93, very peacefully, beloved and loving husband of the late Mona and dearly loved and loving father of Jonathan, Joanna, Mary and Timothy; grandfather of twenty one and great-grandfather of one. Requiem Mass on Monday, November 25th at St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church, Granville Road, Sevenoaks, Kent at 12.30 pm. Reception into the church at 5 pm on Sunday November 24th. All enquiries to A. France and Son (Holborn) Ltd, (0171) 405-4901.

KNOWLES - At home in Newton Longville, on Monday 11th November, after a long illness borne with great courage, has peace at last. Geoffrey aged 72 years, a much loved husband, special father and grandfather. The funeral service will take place at Crownhill Crematorium, Milton Keynes, on Monday 18th November 1996 at 12 o'clock. Any enquiries to H.W. Mason & Sons, tel: (01908) 642700.

LINDLEY - On November 13th suddenly but peacefully at home Albert Firth Lindley of Upper Poppleton, York, aged 80 years. Greatly loved husband of Sheila and loving father to David and Michael and grandfather and

LUMSDEN - James Gerard peacefully at home after a brave struggle against cancer in his 56th year. Beloved husband of Sarah, devoted father of Richard and brother of Peter. Funeral at St William of York Church, Send Marsh Road, Send, Woking, on Wednesday 20th November at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care or Imperial Cancer c/o Funeral Director E. Walker, Parkside, West Clandon, Guildford, GU4 7ST, tel: (01483) 222421.

MASSEY - Peter Jeavons on Sunday 10th November peacefully after a short illness, loving and beloved husband of Dorothy (née Burch) and of the late Marjorie, beloved father of Judy and of his son-in-law Arnold and grandchildren Jenny, Robert and Vicky. Service at 11.30 am on Wednesday 20th November at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, followed by committal at Slough Crematorium. Family flowers only but perhaps his friends would like to support the St George's School Appeal c/o E. Sargeant & Sons, 40 Church Street, Slough, Berkshire.

McDERMOTT - Patrick Duffield, peacefully on November 13th, in his 84th year. Dearly loved husband of his late wife Muriel, father of Elizabeth and grandfather of Sarah and Alexander. Private cremation. Donations to Help the Aged.

PLOWDEN ROBERTS - (Née Patrick) on November 12th Susan Jane of Fulking, West Sussex, much loved wife of Martin, mother of Alex and Carrie. Family funeral only. Flowers and enquiries to Redmall Funeral Services,

ROBINSON - Michael Sandwith, much loved husband, father and grandfather, suddenly but peacefully at home in Sutton Cheney, Leicestershire, on November 11th. Funeral Service and cremation at Heart of England Crematorium, Nuneaton, on Monday November 18th at 11.30 am. All enquiries Gillivers Funeral Directors, (01455) 290356.

ROOME - Beatrice Mary (Janice), peacefully at home in Gerrards Cross on November 11th aged 91. Greatly loved by her husband Alfred, her children Deirdre and the late Christopher, her nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Church, Austenwood Common, on Wednesday 20th November at 11 am. Flowers to H.C. Grimstead Ltd, Churchfield Lodge, Churchfield Road, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks.

SANDEMAN - Dame Frideswide Sandeman, nun of Stanbrook Abbey, died peacefully in Ronkswood Hospital, Worcester, on 12th November 1996, aged 83. Requiescat in pace.

SEXTON - Michael, greatly loved son of David and Thea Sexton, died tragically on 11th November 1996. The funeral service will take place at St Francis of Assisi Church, Kenilworth, at 2 pm on November 20th. Flowers may be sent to The John Taylor Funeral Service, 178 Warwick Road, Kenilworth.

SLAUGHTER - Sheila Maxwell on November 13th peacefully in her sleep aged 92, beloved mother of Felicity and grandmother of Joanna and Amanda. Service at Breakspear Crematorium, Breakspear Road, Ruislip, on Monday 18th November at 12.30 pm. Family flowers

THIME - Dr. John Ernest Thime MD, FRCP, FRCPath, peacefully at home on Wednesday November 13th. Most beloved husband of Agathe and darling Daddy of Emily, proud and much loved grandpa of Michael and Andrew and admired father-in-law of Peter Fabricius. Funeral to be held at All Saints Church, Witley, on Wednesday November 20th at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations to RUKBA. Enquiries to J. Gorringe & Son F/D, tel: (01483) 416403.

TRY - Colin Geoffrey Arthur I.S.O. Senior Inspector of Taxes, on November 13th 1996 aged 79 years, peacefully after a long illness. Loved and loving husband of Joyce for 48 years, dear father of Jenny, Gill, Chris and Jane. Funeral Service St Mary's Church, Beverley, on Monday 18th November at 11 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to RSPB, The Stroke Association and St Mary's Church Garden Fund may be sent to Frank Stephenson & Son, Minster Moorgate, Beverley, East Yorkshire.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

EDWARD - Janet. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Janet Edward will be held on Friday 6th December at 2.30pm. in Chichester Cathedral.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

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OBITUARIES

CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, Archbishop of Chicago, died yesterday from cancer aged 68. He was born on April 2, 1928.

Joseph Bernardin was the softly spoken Archbishop of Chicago whose stoicism before the prospect of death from cancer became an inspiration, not only to his Roman Catholic flock in Chicago but to non-believers across the country. The outpouring of grief in the city when his death was announced was compared to that which greeted the news of President Kennedy's death.

Bernardin made it known that his cancer was inoperable in August at an emotional press conference. He always believed it was his duty, as a man struggling to be a good priest as well as a famous one, to discuss difficult matters — including those which others thought the Catholic Church should leave alone, such as Aids and nuclear war. And, while his pronouncements occasionally brought him into conflict with interest groups on the Right and Left, he was respected among his fellow bishops as a conciliator and mediator who had helped to unify their views on many issues.

As leader of an American Catholic archdiocese, second only to Los Angeles in numbers, Bernardin became the best-known Catholic spokesman in the nation. He was a moderniser, who accepted the reforms of Vatican II. But he was also a moderate, who believed in the notion of the "seamless garment" of life which cannot be rent. It was that respect for all life which led him to resist a liberalisation of church teaching on abortion, in the same spirit with which he denounced capital punishment and war.

Bernardin served a city full of immigrant families — Polish, Italian and Irish — and he was well placed by the experiences of his own childhood to understand their problems. He was born in Columbia, South Carolina, the son of Italian parents. His father, a stone-cutter, died of cancer young, leaving his mother a widow before she was 30. She sewed army uniforms in order to bring up her son and daughter alone.

Bernardin was educated at St Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and considered a career in medicine before settling on the priesthood. He was ordained in 1952 and served 14 years in the diocese of Charleston, South Carolina. In 1966, at the age of 38, he became the youngest bishop in the nation, when he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Atlanta. He led the National Conference of Catholic Bishops from 1968 to 1972 as general secretary. No one shaped the newly formed body more than Bernardin.

In 1972 he was appointed Archbishop of Cincinatti, and ten years later Archbishop of Chicago, after the death of Cardinal John Cody. The autocratic Cody had left a divided flock, and a grand jury still investigating his muddled handling of church finances. Bernardin immediately raised morale among his priests by reverting to a more collegial system of management. He was installed at the Holy Name Cathedral on August 25, 1982, and made a cardinal by Pope John Paul II the following year.

Bernardin's name was made internationally in 1983, when he guided the delicate drafting of the Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter on nuclear war. *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response* was one of the first signs that the American Catholic Church was emerging from its siege mentality, and could speak out boldly and critically on national policies. The letter rejected the bombing of population centres, the first use of nuclear weapons and any rationale for nuclear war. Bernardin called the document "perhaps the most important and timely pastoral letter ever to come from the American hierarchy in its nearly two centuries of existence".

Later that year he first articulated the "seamless garment" or consistent ethic of life, when he took charge of the the bishops' "pro-life" activities. He determined to overcome the tension between the peace and anti-abortion movements, and went a long way towards strengthening the Church's credibility on the latter issue, by committing material resources to help women with unwanted pregnancies.

In 1986 he appealed to Catholics to stop treating people suffering from Aids like lepers. "God is loving and compassionate, not vengeful," he said. In 1992 he won a small victory for women's ordination, when the bishops rejected a document flatly banning it, in favour of Bernardin's more moderate proposal for "study and dialogue".

Then, in 1994, came a new challenge, when Bernardin was accused of sexually molesting Steven Cook — a young man who claimed to have "retrieved" blocked memories of the incident through hypnosis. The charges seemed even more fantastic, because Bernardin had already established a model system for dealing with this sort of allegation in his archdiocese, one which was praised in all quarters. Under the relentless publicity, Bernardin stood calmly, quietly protesting his innocence. Cook later withdrew his $10 million lawsuit against the cardinal, and said that he was no longer confident of trusting his newfound "memories". He was freely forgiven by Bernardin, who prayed with Cook before his death from Aids last year.

Bernardin's dignified response on that occasion did much to restore the Church's tarnished image in such matters. But it was as nothing when compared with the manner in which he approached his dying. His fearless example during his last months was the last gift he gave to the Catholics of Chicago. It led him to some strange places — to death row, for example, where a convicted prisoner asked to pray with Bernardin before his execution.

He described his cancer as his last gift from God: "If we say we have faith, if we say we are putting ourselves in the hands of the Lord, then we can't hold back."

He is survived by his mother and a sister.

EDWARD RADICE

Edward Radice, CBE, former director of economic intelligence at the Ministry of Defence, died on November 8 aged 89. He was born on January 2, 1907.

TEDDY RADICE was a prominent member of the Foreign Office team led by Oliver Franks which attended the Marshall Plan conference in Paris half a century ago. A rising young Whitehall economist, he compiled the first draft report which was ultimately sent to Washington by the European beneficiaries of Marshall Aid — a task for which he was recommended by Isaiah Berlin.

Radice had made his mark among fellow economists before the war. His doctoral thesis at Oxford, *Savings in Great Britain 1922-35*, was held to be of seminal value, not only because of its contents — which tested some of the then emerging Keynesian hypotheses — but also because of the new econometric techniques which he adopted.

Some of his contemporaries believe that it would have won him still wider acclaim and established his academic reputation had not the Second World War then broken out. As it was, the changes which came about swiftly outdated much of his work.

The war rearranged Radice's life and career in other ways, too. He had just settled into a new job with the League of Nations in Geneva when war broke out, forcing him to return to London, where he was snapped up by the Ministry of Economic Warfare. His work there on the economy of Hitler's Germany won him accelerated promotion and a postwar CBE at the age of only 39, making him one of the youngest ever to receive it.

Several universities tried to attract him after the war. But by then he had discovered an appetite for the heat and dust of Whitehall and he opted for the Foreign Office instead. It was while working there as an economic adviser that he became involved with the 1947 Paris conference.

He might well have stayed in the same specialist field had he not made what he came to regard as a tactical error by securing a move to the mainstream diplomatic service. He served in Frankfurt, liaising with the Americans in the postwar Control Commission in occupied Germany, but then found himself posted to Copenhagen. Two years as a counsellor in the British Embassy there were enough to convince him that the formalities of diplomatic life were not for him and in 1953 he successfully transferred to the Ministry of Defence.

Starting as economic adviser to the Joint Intelligence Bureau, as it was then known, he climbed the ladder until he was made director of economic intelligence in 1966. He retired from Whitehall four years later.

Edward Albert Radice was born in London, only to leave when a few months old for India, where his father worked in the Indian Civil Service. The Radices had been in this country since Teddy's great-grandfather had fled to Dublin in the last century after taking part in a failed coup in Sardinia.

Teddy returned to this country with his parents at the start of the First World War and won a scholarship to Winchester (where he was part of the exceptional scholars' roll of 1920). One of his exact contemporaries in college was Richard Crossman, while two other pupils at school with

him were Hugh Gaitskell and Douglas Jay.

At Magdalen College, Oxford, where he was awarded an Exhibition, he took a first in mathematics followed by a first in Greats. He also became politically active as secretary of the Labour Club. He sided with the workers in the General Strike and was with the miners' leader A. J. Cook in Oxford's Corn Exchange when it was besieged by "Hooray Henrys" smashing the windows.

He worked briefly at a City bank on graduating but quickly grew bored and frustrated and left to become secretary of the New Fabian Research Bureau. His experience there helped to turn him into an economist.

He also stood as a Labour candidate for Brixton in 1931, in the election which followed Ramsay MacDonald's "defection to the Tories" (as he insisted on seeing the former Labour Prime Minister's decision to head a National Government). Although defeated, he remained proud ever afterwards of his valiant attempt. He was offered seats with better prospects in later years, but by then had moved on to other things.

Radice took up a fellowship at Columbia University in New York for two years from 1933 to 1935. While there, he collaborated with a colleague on a book, *An American Experiment*, which was a sympathetic look at the New Deal. He returned to Oxford to work on his doctoral thesis from 1935 to 1937, then went back to the United States for two years as an assistant professor of economics at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. At one time he was on the verge of taking out American citizenship.

On leaving the Ministry of Defence, he accepted a senior research fellowship at St Antony's College, Oxford, where he co-operated with an old colleague, the economist Michael Kaser, on the first two volumes of *The Economic History of Eastern Europe 1919-75*.

He also rejoined the Labour Party in retirement, having carefully preserved his neutrality as a civil servant. He even volunteered to lick envelopes for his local party at elections in the 1980s, to help to defeat Thatcherism — which he detested.

Despite his left-of-centre sympathies, however, Teddy Radice was essentially a rationalist who based all his conclusions on the evidence before him, without prejudice. He opposed strategic bombing during the war because he argued that it would not bring down the German economy. For similar reasons he advised against the sanctions imposed by the Wilson Government against Ian Smith's rebel regime in Rhodesia and warned ministers that the Biafran War would last much longer than they seemed to think. Economies, he always said, were more resilient than people thought — but went on to complain that governments did what was politically convenient anyway.

Colleagues often found Teddy Radice rather distant and difficult to know. But he displayed a lighter side when he relaxed and always got on surprisingly well with working people — or, for that matter, with the unemployed. Professionally, there was no doubting his ability. Not only was he awesomely clever but he was a brisk and efficient committee chairman who learnt how to operate the Whitehall machinery and make it work for him.

In 1936 he married a fellow economist, Joan Keeling, whose Fabian pedigree was even more impeccable than his own. Her brother had been christened Bernard Sidney — in honour of Bernard Shaw and Sidney Webb — and she and Radice met at a luncheon given for J. M. Keynes. She died in 1991 and Teddy Radice, who suffered a stroke following a fall, is survived by a son and a daughter.

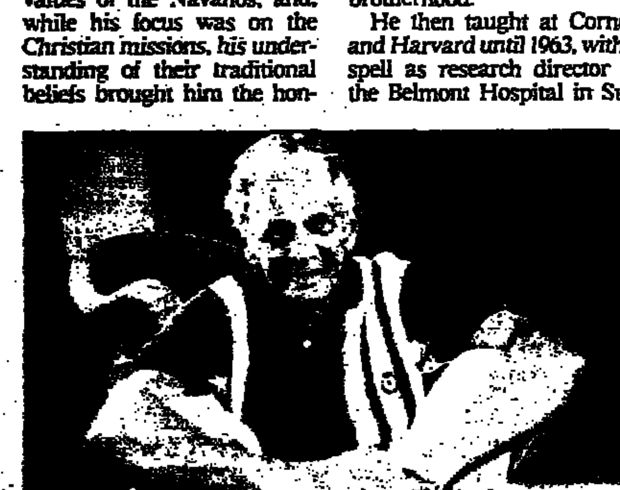
ROBERT RAPOPORT

Robert Rapoport, co-founder of the Institute of Family and Environmental Research, died on November 4 aged 72. He was born on November 1, 1924.

ROBERT RAPOPORT devoted his life to a quiet, persistent and productive effort to understand people in all their diversity and to find out how they could live constructively together. This led him, after experiencing cultural diversity at first hand as a lieutenant in the US Army in China in the Second World War, to the study of social anthropology and to his Harvard doctorate in 1951.

Not himself religious, he had deep sympathy for other people's religious needs. His doctorate, and hence his first book, was on the religious values of the Navahos; and, while his focus was on the Christian missions, his understanding of their traditional beliefs brought him the honour of a Navaho blood brotherhood.

He then taught at Cornell and Harvard until 1963, with a spell as research director at the Belmont Hospital in Sutton, Surrey, in the mid-1950s. Here he developed his ideas on the relationship between the individual's health and the surrounding community, reflected in a book with the telling title *Community as the Doctor*. He returned to England for good in 1965, working first at the Tavistock Institute, then co-founding and co-directing the Institute of Family and Environmental Research with Rhona Rapoport, his wife and partner in every sense of the word. Increasingly, they concentrated on study of the family: fundamental to his concern for how people live together, but in the 1960s still far from fashionable as a subject for research.



Together the Rapoports pioneered the study of the family in Britain, which was the subject of all his dozen books written after settling in London. They both concentrated on the relations between the family and its environment; and they identified the relationships between husbands, wives and work as an important theme.

Their *Dual-Career Families*, undertaken at PEP, the predecessor of the Policy Studies Institute, became a classic work on the subject. Trendy Marxists were not best pleased by this study of middle-class couples, nor perhaps by the patient, non-ideological character of the work, based on intelligent insights supported by careful research.

Robert Rapoport then turned his attention to the role of the family and the community in bringing up children, on which he published two more books. Finally, sensitive as ever to emerging problems, he began to work on the impact of globalisation and the need to prepare children to survive in an increasingly chaotic world. He organised an international symposium in Budapest in 1994 and was on the point of completing a book on the subject when he died.

If physicians tend not to heal themselves, nor do social scientists always have the best of social relationships. But Robert Rapoport's quest for constructive social relations perfectly mirrored his own life. At work he was the best of colleagues. He employed his skill with the clarinet to play in small groups. He was the kindest, gentlest and most devoted family man. He leaves his widow Rhona, a daughter and a son.

REGINALD CLOSE

Reginald Close, CBE, British Council official, died on November 4 aged 87. He was born on February 3, 1909.

A FOUNDER member of the British Council, Reg Close was known throughout the world as the author of a series of textbooks on the teaching of English as a foreign language. He was posted by the British Council all over the world and was appointed OBE in Prague in 1950 and advanced to CBE in Greece in 1966.

Reginald Arthur Close studied French and later education at King's College London, before going out to Shanghai where he took a post as education adviser to the Shanghai municipal council and also worked as a correspondent for *The Times*. It was while he was in Shanghai that he married Eleanor, whose father was a missionary, but four years later, with the 1938 Japanese invasion of China, Close and his wife were forced to leave.

Returning briefly to England he was recruited to the British Council by Lord Lloyd in 1939 and immediately sent out to strengthen the British Institute in Athens. There the poet Edwin Muir and the novelist Olivia Manning, as well as Reg Smith, later a distinguished producer for the BBC, were all on his staff.

But the television series which was subsequently made, based on Manning's *Balkan Trilogy*, about their time there was to cause him some pain. He felt that it had trivialised the role of the Athens British Institute which had helped to rally Athenian intellectuals to the British side during the war.

With the German attack on Greece, Close was forced to evacuate his staff to Alexandria and Cairo. But he himself was medically unfit for war service and the British Council transferred him to Chile instead.

His next posting was to Prague which he reached in time to witness the seizure of power by the Communists. In spite of his previous experience of the Japanese he was sent to Tokyo in 1952 to open a British Council office. While there he recruited staff who remained the backbone of British Council cultural activities for many years afterwards as well as maintaining close links with Tokyo University. He had a firm supporter in the person of Princess Chichibu who also helped his wife in her work for the Animal Welfare Society.

The remainder of Close's British Council career was spent in London, most importantly at the overseas students department in a purpose-built centre at 11 Portland Place. He helped to found the Kensington committee of friendship for overseas students which, reaching a membership of more than 800, was to form a pattern for the development of some 30 other such committees.

Reginald Close leaves his widow Eleanor and three sons.

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Faithfully yours,

EVELYN MILLER

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ON THIS DAY

November 15, 1913

The plight of pedestrians on busy streets was exercising readers, such as this Londoner, even before the First World War. She found policemen more helpful than taxi drivers.

NEWS

Troops will be allowed to use force

■ British troops sent to Zaire to ease the plight of more than a million starving refugees will be able to shoot their way out of trouble if they are intercepted, MPs were told.

Amid fears that the death toll could rise to 20,000 a day in Zaire refugee camps by next week, Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, told the Commons that if the objective was to reach the starving and if people stood in the way "then those people must be prepared to face the consequences of their action" ..... Pages 1, 14, 15, 16

Major calms fears over freak inflation

■ John Major tried to dismiss Conservative worries over inflation by insisting that an unexpected surge last month, taking the headline rate from 2.1 to 2.7 per cent, was a statistical aberration ..... Page 1

Tax cuts not wanted

A majority of the public, including Conservative supporters, believe that Kenneth Clarke should not cut the basic rate of income tax in the Budget according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times* ..... Pages 1, 12

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British resistance to an EU directive on working hours suggests a return to the sweat shops of Dickensian times, Jacques Santer the President of the EU Commission said ..... Page 2

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The Duchess of York hit a cold Manhattan on the latest leg of a self-publicity tour, only to be told that she was "Britain's most unwelcome export since Mad Cow Disease" ..... Page 3

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Mastermind, the television quiz show is to end in 1997, 25 years after it started with a question about a Picasso painting .. Page 5

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A single kick to the head by a 12-year-old girl was enough to kill Louise Allen, who was set upon as she tried to stop a fight on her way home from a funfair. Page 7

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The Archbishop of Canterbury issued a pre-election warning to clergy of the dangers of claiming special authority for their politics and economic opinions ..... Page 8

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Seriously injured children admitted to hospital after accidents have a dramatically improved chance of surviving because of improvements in trauma care, researchers have found ..... Page 9

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The growth in inequality has been reversed, with many of Britain's poorest people escaping from dire poverty, according to official statistics ..... Page 10

HIV surgeon works on

An HIV-positive surgeon was allowed to resume work. Health managers in Glasgow announced that Professor George Browning, an ear, nose and throat specialist, would be allowed to do "no risk" operations ..... Page 11

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Tony Blair will warn Jacques Chirac today that a Labour government would resist any further directives from Brussels on employment conditions ..... Page 12

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Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, tried to persude Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, to give Hong Kong citizens visa-free access ..... Page 13

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For the second time in a month, racial rioting erupted in St Petersburg, Florida, after a white policeman was cleared in the shooting that led to violence ..... Page 17

Full marks for long holidays

■ Cambridge dons were accused of putting their Tuscany holidays before trigonometry, when they rejected a proposal to add a week to the summer term. The university council had recommended an extension of the seven-week term to give students more time for revision. But opponents argued that academics would lose research time ..... Page 1

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Joanne Norris, who was found by police in a van on the Turkish border with Bulgaria after being abducted from her home in Hertforshire, was reunited with her boyfriend Brian Hedges yesterday. Her son and estranged husband live in Turkey

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Any multinational force to Zaire must have one principal objective: the opening of airfields and land corridors. We cannot forget that it is the aid organisations which are bearing the full weight of the refugees in Zaire — *El País*, Madrid

The United States has exhausted its alibis for doing nothing. Bill Clinton has nothing more to fear from irritating voters by adding an African contingent to the troops deployed in Bosnia. The explanations of his partners have equally convinced him that he is not risking a repetition of the fiasco in Somalia — *Le Figaro*

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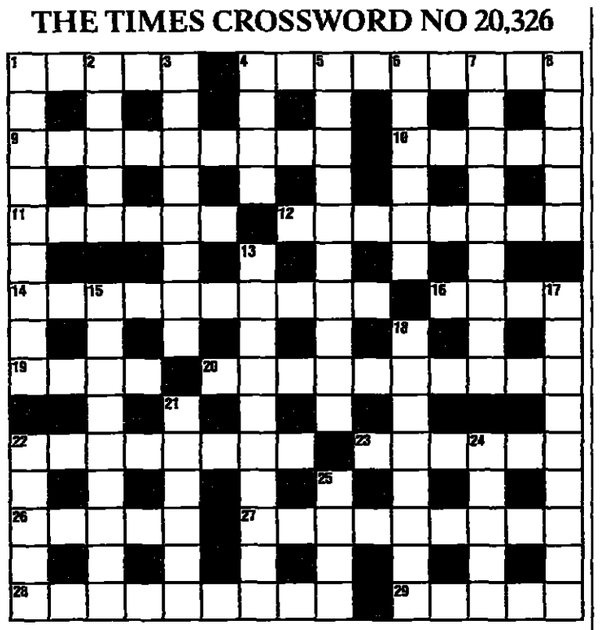

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22 Sweep given medal, thus content (5).
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Aberdeen airport, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Little Rissington Gloucestershire, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.47in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne, 8.3hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Western England and Wales will remain mostly cloudy with drizzle at times. Central and eastern areas, after clearance of overnight mist and fog patches, should be dry with bright or sunny spells.

Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mainly cloudy with light drizzle. The far north will have persistent rain later. Central and eastern parts of Scotland should be mostly dry with bright or sunny spells developing.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, Channel Isles:** It will be dry with bright or sunny spells developing. Wind light to moderate east to northeast. Maximum temperature 8C to 9C (46F to 48F).

☐ **E Anglia, Midlands, E England, Central N England, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** It will be mainly dry with bright or sunny spells developing. Wind light and variable mainly south to southwest. Maximum temperature 8C to 10C (46F to 50F).

☐ **SW England, Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** It will be rather cloudy with patchy drizzle but there will be some drier clearer interludes in places. Wind light and variable. Maximum temperature 9C to 11C (48F to 52F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** It will be cloudy with rain becoming persistent later. Wind west to southwest moderate to fresh. Maximum temperature 9C to 10C (48F to 50F).

☐ **Outlook for the weekend:** Cloud and rain sinking southwards followed by showers, wintry in the north.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.2	0.14	13	55	b	Leuchars	4.5	0.28	12	54	fg
Anglesey	-	0.15	11	52	d	Littlehmptn	6.8	-	9	48	s
Aspatria	-	0.25	11	52	d	London	6.7	-	10	50	s
Aviemore	2.5	0.18	11	52	b	Lowestoft	7.0	0.07	9	48	s
Belfast	-	0.06	11	52	c	Manchester	-	0.01	8	46	d
Birmingham	-	0.01	7	45	du	Margate	7.6	-	9	48	s
Bognor R	8.1	-	11	52	s	Minehead	-	-	11	52	c
Bournem'th	5.8	-	10	50	s	Morecambe	-	0.11	9	48	d
Bristol	-	0.01	9	48	du	Newcastle	0.3	0.04	11	52	c
Buxton	-	0.02	8	46	du	Newquay	-	0.04	10	50	d
Cardiff	X					Norwich	7.3	0.01	9	48	s
Clacton	X					Oxford	0.2	-	6	43	c
Colwyn Bay	-	0.15	12	54	d	Penzance	X	0.03	11	52	r
Cromer	5.1	-	9	48	s	Poole	3.8	-	10	50	s
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X				
Eastbourne	8.3	-	9	48	s	Ross-o-wye	-	-	8	46	c
Edinburgh	3.2	0.12	12	54	s	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	1.0	0.28	10	50	fg	Sandown	8.0	-	10	50	s
Falmouth	0.4	-	11	52	c	Saunts Snd	-	-	9	48	du
Fishguard	0.1	0.11	9	48	d	Scarboro'	-	0.02	7	45	c
Folkestone	6.7	-	9	48	s	Shanklin	7.0	-	10	50	s
Glasgow	2.6	0.06	12	54	b	Shrewsbury	0.3	0.02	11	52	d
Guernsey	6.0	0.01	13	55	s	Skegness	X				
Hastings	7.9	-	9	48	s	Southend	7.7	-	9	48	s
Hayling I.	7.5	-	10	50	s	Southsea	8.0	-	10	50	s
Herne Bay	7.4	-	8	46	s	Stornoway	-	0.15	11	52	d
Hove	5.9	-	11	52	s	Swanage	5.1	-	8	46	s
Hunstanton	4.5	-	8	46	s	Teignmouth	0.2	0.01	10	50	c
Ilfracombe	X					Tiree	0.8	0.07	11	52	d
Isle of Man	-	0.02	12	54	c	Torquay	0.2	0.01	10	50	c
Jersey	8.0	0.01	11	52	s	Tynemouth	-	0.05	11	52	c
Kinloss	1.9	0.14	12	54	b	Ventnor	8.2	-	11	52	s
Leeds	-	0.01	9	48	r	West-s-mare	-	-	7	45	du
Lerwick	-	0.06	10	50	d	Weymouth	1.4	-	9	48	c

ABROAD

Ajaccio	23	73	f	Cortu	18	64	f	Madrid	9	48	f
Akrotiri	23	73	s	C'phagn	5	41	f	Majorca	21	70	f
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Dublin	7	45	c	Malaga	17	63	c
Algiers	29	84	s	Dubrovnik	16	61	c	Malta	26	79	s
Amst'dm	9	48	s	Faro	18	64	c	Melb'rne	21	70	f
Athens	19	66	s	Florence	20	68	c	Mexico C	13	55	f
B Aires	31	88	s	Frankfurt	9	48	f	Miami	25	77	s
Bahrain	23	73	s	Funchal	14	57	c	Milan	15	59	r
Bangkok	26	79	f	Geneva	9	48	c	Montreal	-3	27	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	15	59	r	Moscow	3	37	f
Barcelona	15	59	r	Helsinki	8	46	r	Munich	10	50	f
Beirut	23	73	s	Hong K	21	70	c	N Delhi	28	82	s
Belgrade	21	70	s	Innsbruck	18	64	f	N York	4	39	s
Berlin	7	45	r	Istanbul	12	54	f	Nairobi	18	64	s
Bermuda	20	68	c	Jeddah	28	82	f	Naples	24	75	s
Biarritz	13	55	c	Jo'burg	22	72	f	Nice	14	57	f
Borde'x	10	50	c	Karachi	X			Oslo	1	34	f
Brussels	9	48	s	L Angels	16	61	f	Paris	9	48	f
Budapst	19	66	s	L Palmas	21	70	c	Peking	7	45	s
Cairo	27	81	s	Le Touqt	9	48	f	Perth	19	66	c
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Lisbon	14	57	s	Prague	11	52	c
Ch'church	18	64	X	Locarno	12	54	r	Reykjavik	7	45	d
Chicago	-3	27	f	Luxembg	6	43	c	Riyadh	23	73	s
Rome	21	70	c	S Frisco	13	55	s	Santiago	29	84	s
S Paulo	27	81	c	Seoul	11	52	s	Sing'por	28	82	t
Salzburg	13	55	f	St'kholm	1	34	sl	Strasb'rg	10	50	r
Sydney	30	86	s	Tangier	13	55	r	Tel Aviv	27	81	s
Tenerife	21	70	f	Tokyo	12	54	s	Tunis	29	84	s
Valencia	14	57	f	Vanc'ver	10	50	f	Venice	17	63	f
Vienna	17	63	s	Warsaw	16	61	s	Wash'ton	4	39	f

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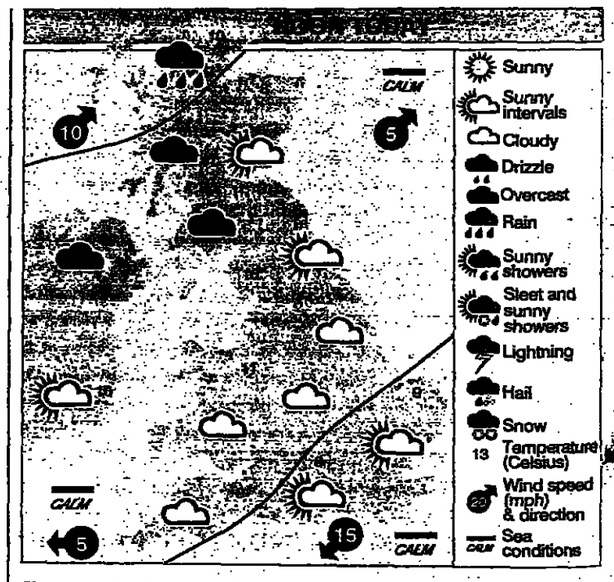

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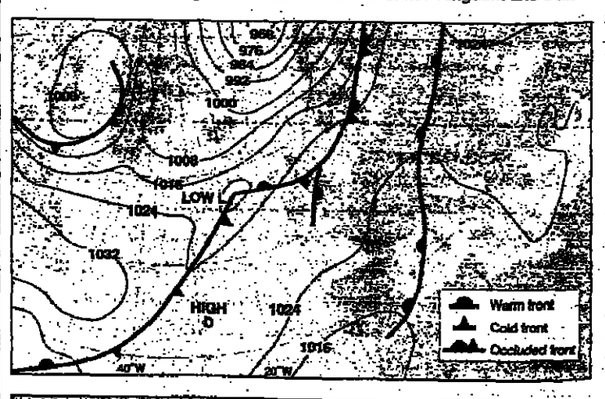

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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4:12	0.9	4:38	7.0	Leith	5.03	5.8	5:21	5.4
Aberdeen	3:51	4.2	4:03	4.2	Liverpool	1:26	9.1	1:49	9.2
Avonmouth	9:39	12.9	10:03	12.6	Lowestoft	-	-	12:03	2.5
Belfast	1:17	3.5	1:33	3.5	Margate	1:58	4.7	2:30	4.8
Cardiff	9:26	11.6	9:48	11.2	Milford Haven	8:38	6.9	9:02	6.6
Devonport	8:14	5.4	8:39	5.2	Newquay	7:46	6.7	7:53	6.5
Dover	0:58	6.7	1:21	6.6	Oban	7:58	3.9	8:14	3.6
Dublin (N Wall)	1:50	4.0	2:09	4.1	Penzance	6:56	5.5	7:18	5.2
Falmouth	7:16	5.1	7:43	4.9	Portland	9:01	2.1	9:24	1.9
Greenock	2:45	3.5	3:03	3.6	Portsmouth	1:32	4.7	1:48	4.6
Harwich	1:51	4.0	2:16	4.0	Shoreham	1:18	5.2	1:37	5.1
Holyhead	0:27	5.5	12:50	5.6	Southampton	0:54	4.6	1:13	4.6
Hull (Albert D)	8:45	7.3	8:57	7.3	Swansea	8.48	9.2	9:09	8.9
Ilfracombe	8:19	8.1	8:42	8.8	Tees	6:12	5.2	6:26	5.2
King's Lynn	8:39	6.9	9:01	6.9	Walton-on-Naze	1:50	4.1	2:17	4.2

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Sun rises: 7.19 am
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Moon sets: 8.36 pm
Moon rises: 11.14 am
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London 4.11 pm to 7.21 am
Bristol 4.21 pm to 7.30 am
Edinburgh 4.05 pm to 7.52 am
Manchester 4.12 pm to 7.37 am
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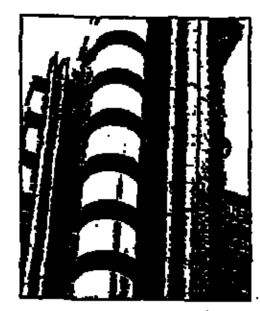

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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BT says it's good to spend more on adverts

By Eric Reguly

BRITISH TELECOM is to double its spending on advertising in an effort to defend its gradually shrinking market share.

BT would not provide details of its new advertising push, though analysts said the current budget is thought to exceed £100 million. Robert Brace, finance director, said: "It's a lot of money and it's going up. The advertising is working and we're being more aggressive."

Media executives said that BT has spent £91 million on TV, radio and advertising spots in nthe past year. That, however, excludes direct-mail campaigns and the costs of producing the advertisements. Doubling that figure would make BT one of the top five advertisers, along with Unilever and Procter & Gamble.

The company, where Peter Bonfield is chief executive, was encouraged by the success of the "It's good to talk" campaign and believes it is holding the line against the cable-telephony companies. In the half year to September 30, turnover from inland telephone calls rose 2.7 per cent, to £2.44 billion, while volume, on a year-on-year basis, grew 7 per cent.

James Ross, at Hoare Govett, said the gains represented a remarkable achievement: "Inland call volume growth seems to be headed for double-digit growth for the first time since the late 1980s."

Revenue increases from inland calls, mobile communications — BT owns 60 per cent of Cellnet, the second largest mobile-phone company — and its fledgling European businesses helped to boost turnover 4.5 per cent, to £7.36 billion, in the half-year to September 30.

But pre-tax profits, weighed down by a doubling in redundancy charges to £235 million and the £60 million premium paid on the repurchase of government bonds, slipped £7 million to £1.6 billion. Earnings per share were 16.3p (16.5p). The interim dividend, payable on February 17, rises 6 per cent, to 7.9p. BT has forecast total dividend payments of 19.55p, up 6.1 per cent, for the year to March 31. Shareholders will also receive a 35p special dividend even if BT's proposed $20 billion takeover of MCI collapses. BT shares rose 9p to 379½p.

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Bonfield: line held

Don Carty, left, president of AA, and Bob Ayling, chief executive of BA, at the time they announced the proposed link-up between the two carriers

Clarke faces clash over inflation leap

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

A SHOCKINGLY large rise in British inflation in October has set the stage for a damaging clash between the Chancellor and the Bank of England over interest rates in the run-up to the election.

Headline inflation leapt to 2.7 per cent from 2.1 per cent in September, while the underlying rate jumped to 3.3 per cent from 2.9 per cent, making the Government's target of 2.5 per cent or less seem even more difficult to hit. The underlying rate is now at its highest level since September 1993.

These rises came in spite of the fact that prices were unchanged overall between September and October. The annual rates jumped by virtue of prices having fallen sharply in October 1995.

Nevertheless, there was widespread disappointment in the City that a plunge in industry's prices over the past few months has failed to translate more quickly into lower prices on the high street.

The gap between the attitudes of the Treasury and the Bank of England on monetary policy appears to be widening. The Bank was sufficiently worried that yesterday's figures would provoke a negative market reaction that officials are believed to have telephoned some City economists, particularly those with relatively low forecasts for October inflation, to warn them that the figures would be bad.

While the Bank tried to preempt a negative market reaction before the event, the Government was working hard afterwards to put a positive gloss on the figures. John Major, the Prime Minister, said that the increase in inflation was "a statistical aberration".

The Chancellor and Treasury officials pointed out that the annual rates had gone up only because last October saw the largest fall in retail prices in any October since the war, whereas this October's figures were only the fourth best since the war.

The Bank's efforts to warn traders beforehand, coupled with some good inflation numbers from America which boosted US stocks and bonds, meant that the negative reaction in London markets was only short-lived.

The FT-SE 100 index closed only 0.8 of a point lower at 3,926.1, having slumped as low as 3,904. British government bonds, which would normally react very badly to such a sizeable jump in inflation, actually ended the day almost a percentage point higher. The pound leapt, ending at 91.9 on its trade-weighted index compared with 91.3 on Wednesday.

Short sterling futures, the best guide to market interest rate expectations, fell before ending the day above their lows. Closing levels priced in a rise in base rates of between a quarter of a point and half a point. Base rates were raised a quarter of a point to 6 per cent at the end of last month.

The Chancellor next locks horns with the Bank on December 11. It seems likely the Bank will push for a further monetary tightening given yesterday's figures and this week's news of another hefty fall in unemployment. However, the Treasury's efforts to play down yesterday's figures suggest that another rate rise may not necessarily be forthcoming from Mr Clarke.

The main culprits behind October's jump in inflation were housing and motoring costs. Last October saw a sharp fall in mortgages, house prices and home contents insurance premiums against rises this year for mortgages and house prices and only a small fall in premiums. Petrol prices and motor insurance premiums were up this year against big falls a year ago.

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Society in a spin as data hits market

By Anne Ashworth

THE money market turmoil caused by the higher inflation figures caused the Yorkshire Building Society to execute a sharp volte-face. Mid-morning, the society announced a new range of discounted and fixed-rate mortgage offers. However, within hours, it said that the launch had been suspended.

In a statement, the society said that "fluctuating swap prices" had prompted the move. When a lender wants to put together a fixed-rate package, it raise funds in the money market, but it will often sell on or "swap" this fixed-rate liability with a financial institution.

Airline link-up flies into EU storm

By Jon Ashworth

THE European Commission has launched a formal investigation into the planned link-up between British Airways and American Airlines. The Commission has written to the airlines, saying that the proposed alliance does not appear to be in the interests of consumers. They have 60 days in which to respond.

The move prompted speculation that a decision on whether to refer the proposal to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission would now be frozen for at least two months. This was swiftly denied. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, changed the rules in July to enable UK authorities to study the proposed alliance under EU competition rules. The move was designed to reduce the risk of discrepancies arising from two parallel investigations.

Commentators suggested yesterday that Mr Lang would be "powerless" to pass judgment on BA-AA while the EU was awaiting responses. However, this was denied by the Department of Trade and Industry, which said the move would have no bearing on the timing of any announcement. Mr Lang was simply required to communicate his decision to the Commission.

The Office of Fair Trading passed a report on the planned alliance to Mr Lang early last month. He has since been considering a referral to the MMC.

BA said that it was confident of satisfying the EC. Market research indicated that consumers favoured the link-up by a margin of seven to one, it said. A spokesman added: "We are confident that, once we put it to the EC, it [the alliance] will go ahead."

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FTSE 100	3926.1	(-0.8)
Yield	4.02%	
FTSE All share	1935.55	(-1.22)
Nikkei	21031.04	(+51.60)
New York:		
Dow Jones	6293.99	(+19.75)*
S&P Composite	733.65	(+2.52)*
Federal Funds	5 5/16%*	(5 5/16%)
Long Bond	106 21/32*	(100 [illegible])
Yield	6.45%*	(6.45%)
3-mth Interbank	6 11/32%	(6 5/16%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	109 13/32	(108 15/16)
New York:		
$	1.6650*	(1.6605)
London:		
$	1.6634	(1.6532)
DM	2.5106	(2.4909)
FFr	8.4843	(8.4214)
SFr	2.1196	(2.0983)
Yen	184.74	(184.53)
£ Index	91.9	(91.3)
London:		
DM	1.5093*	(1.5076)
FFr	5.1005*	(5.0930)
SFr	1.2745*	(1.2710)
Yen	111.30*	(111.75)
$ Index	96.2	(96.1)

Tokyo close Yen 111.63

Brent 15-day (Jan)	$23.40	($23.35)
London close	$382.45	($384.15)

* denotes midday trading price

Water payout

South West Water, which escaped two bids last month, joined the ranks of utilities making big dividend increases. Its interim and final dividends will rise by 20 per cent. Subsequent rises will be 8 per cent.

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PowerGen £1bn

PowerGen will soon have paid more than £1 billion in cash to shareholders in buying back PowerGen shares since privatisation.

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GUS shares surge after US acquisition

By Sarah Cunningham

SHARES in Great Universal Stores surged 10 per cent yesterday after it revealed that it had dipped into its huge cash pile and bought Experian, a US information services group, for £1 billion.

The US company will be merged with GUS's information subsidiary, CCN, a market leader in the UK and continental Europe. GUS, whose shares closed 57½p higher, at 648p, is paying £600 million out of its £1.2 billion cash pile, while the rest will come from fixed-rate, medium-term borrowings.

This leaves GUS, which is chiefly a catalogue retailer and owner of Burberry and Scotch House, with half its cash pile and borrowings of more than £450 million. Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, the new chairman, indicated that the remaining available cash may be used for a further acquisition. "The impression I had from the City was that they weren't happy with the steady accumulation of cash without any acquisitions being made," he said.

The acquisition should be earnings enhancing within the first year. CCN currently accounts for about 7 per cent of GUS's profits. After merging with Experian, which had sales of around $570 million and operating profits of $114 million last year, it will account for up to 20 per cent.

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Scottish Widows in Royal Bank link-up

By Marianne Curphey

ROYAL Bank of Scotland yesterday announced plans to link up with Scottish Widows, the mutual life and pensions company, but denied planning a full takeover or merger bid.

However, the move fuelled speculation that Scottish Widows might eventually become part of the bank, which owns Direct Line, the telephone insurer. RBS shares rose 14½p to 493p. Scottish Widows has been tipped as likely to join the stock market.

George Mathewson, RBS chief executive, said it was impossible to rule out a future merger, but said: "At present, we have no intention of doing that." He added: "Scottish Widows is a mutual company and its customers have been buying into that whole ethos. I believe there is a risk in breaking that arrangement."

Scottish Widows will design products, administer pensions and manage investments for Royal Scottish Assurance (RSA), the RBS subsidiary life company. The mutual will own at least 20 per cent of RSA and an unspecified stake in Direct Line as part of a joint venture in life insurance. The exact size of the stakes will be finalised in the next few weeks.

Dr Mathewson said that "a handful" of jobs would be lost in Scottish Widows. In February the mutual insurer said that it intended to shed 700 jobs in a cost-cutting exercise.

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Big Mac poised to join Texaco war effort

By Carl Mortished

TEXACO is mounting a big push to gain market share in the UK petrol retailing market and its secret weapon is burgers, doughnuts and coffee. The American oil company has been in talks with McDonald's and has plans to expand rapidly the number of petrol station sites that contain McDonald's restaurants and drive-through sales.

Texaco has been hurt badly by the petrol price wars. Like its peers it suffered losses as a result of Esso's Pricewatch campaign and the struggle by the oil companies to prevent customers from filling up their tanks at the supermarket. Roger Ebert, managing director of Texaco's downstream business, admits that there were times when its petrol stations were making more from selling newspapers, bur-

Mr Ebert, who arrived at Texaco's London headquarters in January, believes now is the time to expand. Texaco has about an 8 per cent share of the petrol retailing market in the UK and wants to move that quickly into double digits. This week he met senior executives from McDonald's who are keen to develop an existing relationship, and Mr Ebert has identified 40 potential sites. "We are the preferred

Texaco is mounting its push at a time of turmoil in the industry. The oil company has a huge refinery in Wales but Britain is awash in cheap petrol and Texaco sells a large part of its product overseas. Mr Ebert believes that more station sites will become available as the industry consolidates, and that food will be a draw. "I see people at my local station in the morning. They buy gas, they buy a

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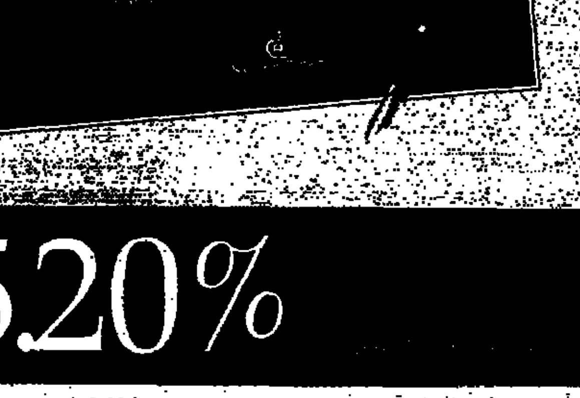

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Football float to raise £12m

Peter Reid, the team manager of Sunderland Football Club, is to make more than £2 million from the club's stock market flotation, announced yesterday. Mr Reid will also also have £7 million to buy players.

The club plans to raise up to £12 million in next month's flotation, which will value the club at between £40 million and £45 million. It proposes to include in its prospectus an estimate of trading for the year ending next May, showing turnover up from £7 million to beteen £12 million and £14 million, and a trading loss of £450,000 turned into a profit of at least £1 million.

Revenues up at MAID

MAID, the online information company, said that its monthly usage revenues exceeded £1 million for the first time in October. The company's third-quarter results showed its total revenues, including new subscriptions, 64 per cent ahead of the same period last year. MAID signed up 825 new corporate customers during the quarter. However, the company is still losing money, a £2.4 million loss in the quarter takes the nine-month total to £5.7 million.

Steel deal

The Government yesterday claimed some success in modifying a European code on state aid for the steel industry. The industry is subject to the European Coal and Steel Community Treaty, which bans all state aid. However, the Steel Aid Code, starting at next year, permits state aid in limited circumstances, such as for new environmental standards and some research and development.

Ladbroke lift

Ladbroke, the hotels and betting shop group, issued an upbeat trading statement yesterday, saying that third-quarter profits were "comfortably ahead" of last year. Both main businesses performed well, but property profits fell sharply.

Lloyd's of London wants to stand out in a crowd with structural changes inside the organisation to build a better partnership with the market

Shake-up at Lloyd's threatens to put hundreds of jobs at risk

By Jon Ashworth

LLOYD'S OF LONDON yesterday announced sweeping changes to its central administrative structure, potentially putting hundreds of jobs at risk. The reforms, designed to make Lloyd's more transparent and accountable, are part of a long-term drive to make the market more competitive.

The Corporation of Lloyd's employs 2,400 people, including 415 contractors and consultants, but it was unclear yesterday how many jobs were at risk. Ron Sandler, chief executive of Lloyd's, admitted redundancies were likely, but would not be drawn on numbers. Mr Sandler said the changes, which will see the corporation split into five new business units, were part of a much wider process of reforms aimed at improving the competitiveness of the market place.

Mr Sandler said: "These structural changes are designed to apply greater commercial discipline and align the corporation more closely with the business objectives of the market. We need to build a greater sense of partnership between the corporation and the market to ensure Lloyd's continued prosperity."

The move comes after the successful implementation of Lloyd's Reconstruction and Renewal (R&R) plan. From January 1, the corporation will be restructured into five new business units. Members' Services will include the administration of names' funds and other services; Insurance Services will embrace Lloyd's policy signing office, the claims office, and systems; Facilities Management will embrace catering, purchasing and building management and Business Development will include negotiation of new licences, and brand promotion.

A fifth unit will cover North America, which provides Lloyd's with 30 per cent of its business. The unit, based in New York, is headed by Peter Lane, and will deal with regulatory matters and handle promotional issues.

The units will have to prepare their own business plans, and will each be accountable to a user board, comprising four or five representatives from the market, together with senior Lloyd's managers. They, in turn, will answer to the Lloyd's market board, which will be freed up to focus on strategic and long-term issues.

A number of other existing corporation functions — finance, strategic planning, human resources, communications and legal services — will continue to be provided centrally. The structure of Lloyd's regulatory division will be unchanged, pending the outcome of a review which is due to be completed by mid-1997.

Sun and Chubb sever link

By Marianne Curphey

SUN ALLIANCE, now part of Royal SunAlliance, the UK's largest insurer, and Chubb Corporation, its American partner, are to sever a 114-year relationship. RSA will lose about £210 million in premiums but will retain its 5 per cent Chubb shareholding. RSA said it might look for further US acquisitions, or worldwide, although not in the short term.

In February Chubb announced it was winding down a trading relationship with Sun Alliance, which dated from 1882, amid speculation that it believed Sun was deriving the greater benefit. The unravelling of the partnership was originally scheduled to take three years, but has been brought forward after Sun Alliance's merger with Royal Insurance this summer.

Twelve months ago the reciprocal reinsurance arrangements were reduced by one third and will be terminated from January 1 1997. Chubb earned a projected £120 million from premiums through the arrangement this year. RSA has considerable US business through Royal USA. Royal's US subsidiary, which had net premiums written of £1.05 billion in 1995.

A&L shuts door on rebels

By Caroline Merrell

THE Alliance & Leicester Building Society is refusing to meet representatives of an action group campaigning against its proposed flotation.

Patrick Mountain, a retired agent of the society, set up the action group in protest at the way in which shares will be distributed. Under the scheme, most qualifying members will get 250 shares worth £1,000 in total. Other share and cash distribution schemes *in the building society sector* have based payouts on the amount each member has invested. Mr Mountain feels that he was misled by the society into leaving £150,000 saved, in expectation of a bigger windfall. The Building Societies Ombudsman said that it has received 104 complaints *about the flotation.*

Members of the action group have threatened to withdraw £50 million from their accounts next month unless the float terms are changed.

An Alliance & Leicester spokesman said that the society felt that it had *exhausted the discussion on remuneration* for members. The society claims that most members have less than £2,000 invested.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Perpetual says it is approaching peak

PERPETUAL, the unit trust company that has grown rapidly in recent years, gave warning yesterday that it would be hard pushed to make much improvement on its latest results. Reporting a 46 per cent increase in annual pre-tax profits to £54.4 million, David Mossop, chief executive, said: "We can do better than this, but I don't think we can do much better."

The company, which has won a string of awards for its investment performance, believes the flow of new money from investors could be checked by next year's general election, by possible stock market weakness and by the introduction of Open Ended Investment Companies (OEICs). In the year to September 30, funds under management rose 40 per cent to £6.6 billion. Personal equity plans on behalf of more than 400,000 private investors make up £2.5 billion of the total. Perpetual said its share of the UK unit trust market has risen to 4.2 per cent. Perpetual plans to pay a *final* dividend of 38p on January 13, lifting the total payout 42.5 per cent to 57p. Undiluted earnings were 135.4p a share (94.7p). Perpetual's shares fell by marginally more than £1 to £22.25.

DuPont to close plant

DUPONT, the chemicals company, is to close its nylon plant in Doncaster, South Yorkshire, with the loss of 450 jobs over the next two years. The move is part of a worldwide restructuring of the group's nylon operations involving the loss of almost 3,000 jobs. DuPont said the programme was designed to make its nylon fibre business the most efficient and highest-quality producer worldwide. It is expected to cut costs by £420 million annually. The company said as many job cuts as possible would be through voluntary schemes and natural wastage. The Doncaster closure is scheduled for early 1999.

Exeter chief's £2.7m gain

IAN HENDERSON, chief executive of Exeter Investments, which he founded in 1986, will net £2.7 million when he brings his company to the market next month, in addition to a shareholding worth £3.9 million. The company will raise £1.15 million to repay bank debt. Exeter now runs subsidiaries dealing with asset management, unit trusts and secretarial services for fund managers. In the year to September 30 it made pre-tax profits of £856,000 on revenue of £2.86 million. The shares are being placed by Greig Middleton at 92p, valuing the company at £8.74 million.

Sears sale raises £80m

SEARS, the retailing group, has raised £80 million from the sale of its half-share in the St Enoch Shopping Centre in Glasgow to DespaFonds, a German property fund based in Frankfurt. Liam Strong, the Sears chief executive, said: "In the light of the group's cash resources the board will be reviewing options available for returning any surplus cash to shareholders in an appropriate manner." The Church Commissioners for England, which held the remaining 50 per cent interest in the shopping centre, has also sold its stake to the German fund.

Adtranz job losses

BRITAIN'S leading train manufacturer has axed nearly 200 jobs in Doncaster because of a shortfall in orders after privatisation. Adtranz said it was "extremely disappointed" to announce the redundancies of 188 staff at the South Yorkshire freight maintenance depot. The company bought *the depot from British Rail last year. Since then,* the number of staff has fallen from around 600 to about 150. The job losses are believed to have been triggered by a reduction in work for English, Welsh & Scottish Railway, the American-owned freight company that is the depot's biggest customer.

RIT asset value rises

RIT Capital Partners, Lord Rothschild's investment trust, increased net asset value 3.1 per cent to 292.2p a share in the six months to September 30. This compares with a 5.5 per cent rise in the FT all-share index over the same period. The value of the total investment portfolio increased to £727.9 million from £579.6 million. Quoted equities accounted for 60 per cent of the portfolio and unquoted companies for 20 per cent. Pre-tax profits were unchanged at £2.4 million. Shares in RIT were unmoved at 239p.

TOURIST RATES

	*Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.04
Austria Sch	18.57	17.07
Belgium Fr	54.44	50.14
Canada $	2.322	2.162
Cyprus Cyp£	0.794	0.739
Denmark Kr	10.18	9.36
Finland Mkk	8.10	7.45
France Fr	8.84	8.19
Germany Dm	2.65	2.44
Greece Dr	410	385
Hong Kong $	13.47	12.47
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel Shk	5.68	5.01
Italy Lira	2625	2470
Japan Yen	199.60	183.60
Malta	0.629	0.574
Netherlds Gld	2.954	2.724
New Zealand $	2.48	2.28
Norway Kr	11.02	10.22
Portugal Esc	263.50	245.00
S Africa Rd	8.36	7.56
Spain Pta	216.50	203.50
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Straws blowing in the windfall

PENNINGTON

☐ THE more one opposes the unethical, if perfectly legal, notion of a windfall tax on utilities, the more one despairs of the behaviour of those companies on whom it will be levied.

The windfall tax, if it emerges under Labour and if — let us not forget that if — Labour wins the election, will not be described as retrospective taxation because Brussels does not like this. It will be a tax on unacceptably high bank balances, not a tax on the earlier profits that led to this state of affairs. Put this way, it is clear this is a distinction without a difference.

Retrospective taxation is not illegal anyway, because, ultimately, nothing is. Parliament can vote for such without hindrance, just as Parliament can vote to bring back hanging, the gold standard or 80 per cent income tax — for everyone. The Americans who have bought into the electricity industry would probably sue, but precious little good it would do them in the courts because British constitutional law says government is elected to govern.

The Labour tax would do untold damage to inward investment and to big transatlantic mergers such as those that British Airways and British Telecom are now embarked upon. This last is hardly reasonable; a Labour utilities tax was already predictable when the American buying started more than a year ago. But it will play well in terms of domestic US politics if reciprocal action to a tax grab is seen to be taken.

Yesterday PowerGen, classed by Labour as a monopolistic utility for some strange reason, chose to distribute as much as £400 million to shareholders in the form of a share buyback, the fourth repurchase in the company's six years as a quoted company. South West Water, which has the power to carry out a similar exercise on behalf of its shareholders, hiked the dividend by 20 per cent. It is tempting to see such largesse as anticipating a utilities tax. But look a little deeper than that.

The level of dividend cover and gearing that was thought acceptable when the utilities were privatised turns out, with the benefit of hindsight, to have been over-cautious. In other words, the companies were sold too cheap — we all know that. The City, which bought them too cheap, now says this means payouts should be jacked up to compensate for this — two slices of pie, please. Yet in this the institutions are only doing what Gordon Brown and Labour intend, except a little earlier.

But ask yourself three questions. Is Labour really going to hold off from windfall taxes because the companies have spent the money first? Is it proper corporate governance, if you know the tax is looming, to put the balance sheet in such a state that the company is in danger of collapse if it is levied? And what happens if the Tories win?

When it's good to be small

☐ BRITISH TELECOM'S financial results were unremarkable except on two points. The "It's good to talk" TV ads starring the otherwise laconic Bob Hoskins have proved good value; customers are picking up the phone more often and talking longer. Revenue from inland calls is climbing in spite of growing competition from cable.

The other point was less encouraging. International phone calls, BT's most profitable business by a long shot, are down, and by BT's own admission will continue to fall. The Government is set to break the BT-Mercury duopoly by awarding international licences to almost 50 new entrants. What is more, discount operators such as call-back services, which route international calls through the low-cost US, are proliferating. A free-for-all is in the making.

The same thing is happening on the other side of the Atlantic. The 1996 Telecommunications Act allows long-distance and local phone companies to compete in each other's markets. The golden era of AT&T, MCI and Sprint, the three giants that held a hammerlock on the long-distance market, is about to end.

Why, then, did BT just agree pay more than $20 billion for MCI? The deal makes sense in that the merger of the two creates a closed trans-Atlantic loop, meaning they will not have to pay other operators to complete their calls at the other end. As a result, they can retain more of the international call revenue for themselves. But this strategy can only buy so much time.

BT and MCI, for all their slimming efforts, are still big, old-time phone companies with enormous fixed costs. Since distance is quickly becoming irrelevant in determining the cost of calls, the time will come when BT and MCI cannot afford to drop their prices further without a radical restructuring. IBM is a good parallel, because Big Blue fell from grace when nimble new companies such as Compaq introduced inexpensive alternatives to the mainframe computer.

What goes up must come down

☐ INFLATION has risen sharply, but prices have stayed the same. The Chancellor is quite right to point out that prices were unchanged between September and October and that the shockingly sharp rise in annual rates of headline and core inflation was down to wonderful figures a year ago, the best inflation performance, indeed, since the war. But despite the truth of this argument, the fact remains that yesterday's figures mean the Bank of England will be itching for another rate rise.

It is certainly disappointing that plunging producer prices have not fed more rapidly into lower prices on the high street. But, amid the mounting rates hysteria, let us put a counter argument. The main culprits for October's ghastly numbers were petrol and house prices. Both phenomena are likely to be temporary. Oil prices have risen because of supply problems and are not a sign of rising commodity price pressures. House prices are up because confidence has finally been returning.

But the sudden disappearance of good fixed-rate mortgage deals after the recent hike in base rates shows how swiftly that could end if base rates are pushed even higher. Then factor in a populist cut in booze duties in the Budget to counter cross-Channel competition, cheer voters up — and depress retail prices. Then the latest inflation scare will prove to be short-lived.

Catch-48

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Limelight offer price set at 175p

SHARES of Limelight, the fitted furniture manufacturer and retailer, have been priced at 175p, at the bottom of the indicated range, valuing the company at £175 million (Sarah Cunningham writes).

The offering will raise almost £60 million for Stephen Boler, former chairman and now a non-executive director. No new money for the company is being raised.

Trading begins today. Some 62.15 million of the 65.05 million shares on offer have been allotted under a placing, 2.86 million under an intermediaries offer, and the balance under an employee offer.

PowerGen payout lifts buybacks above £1bn

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

POWERGEN will shortly top the £1 billion mark in cash it has paid out to buy back its own shares since privatisation (see Pennington this page).

Yesterday it announced its second buyback this year, and the fourth since privatisation. When the plan to repurchase 10 per cent of the company's equity is complete, PowerGen will have rebought just under 30 per cent of its shares.

Earlier this year it paid out £346 million in a similar buyback justified by the company's profit on the sale of a stake in Midlands Electricity. However, the one-off gain on that sale was £69 million, which yesterday the company said was about the same figure as it expects to write off on its exposure to take-or-pay gas contracts.

The latest buyback has been initiated by the sale of power stations to Eastern, instigated by the regulator in February 1994 and completed this summer. In spite of the scale of its buybacks — at yesterday's share price PowerGen could spend £370 million this time round — the company insisted yesterday that it did not fall into one of the target areas for a Labour government's imposition of a windfall tax. Ed Wallis, the chairman, said PowerGen did not fit the definition of a monopolistic utility that was price-regulated and had enjoyed excessive benefits from slack regulation.

Peter Hickson, finance director, admitted the balance sheet could sustain a windfall hit but that did not mean the company would not suffer from such an impact. Analysts are calculating a windfall tax on PowerGen of about £200 million.

PowerGen lifted underlying profits by 4 per cent, to £138 million, in the six months to September 30, after removing its one-off £69 million gain from its sale of a 21 per cent stake in Midlands Electricity to Avon Energy.

The company said that it was close to ending its problems with Kinetica, its loss-making joint gas venture with Conoco, and expects to take a hit of no more than £69 million on its exposure to take-or-pay gas contracts.

Overseas operations, in which PowerGen is increasing its activities, did not deliver a contribution to profits, with none expected in the short-term. The interim dividend, payable on December 20, was lifted 20 per cent, to 7.8p.

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South West Water vows to follow up leap in dividend

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH WEST WATER, which escaped two takeover bids last month after a government veto, yesterday joined the ranks of utilities making big increases in dividends with a 20 per cent rise in its interim payment to 11.8p a share (see Pennington, this page).

The company also set out a stall for future dividend rises, saying that its final dividend would rise by 20 per cent and that growth thereafter would be 8 per cent.

South West, whose customers pay the highest water bills in the country, also said that it would buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares if it considered it to be in the best interests of its shareholders.

The company, which had been targeted by Wessex Water and Severn Trent, attracted the wrath of Labour, which condemned it for making profits of £257 a minute. Frank Dobson, Labour's environment spokesman, further criticised the state of the industry that had led South West to spend £4.9 million fighting takeover moves from rival water companies.

Ken Hill, South West's finance director, said that the company's results showed sparkling growth in the face of two hostile bids.

The company would not say yesterday whether it had received other takeover approaches. Although a merger with another water company has been ruled out, a takeover by an electricity company could be a possibility.

South West has paid a £15 customer dividend, which will cost the company £10 million, although this charge will not appear until the final results.

South West's interim pre-tax profits to September 30 climbed to £72.9 million, from £54 million in the previous year. The figures exceeded the expectations of analysts, who had largely been working in a range of £60 million to £65 million.

Operating profits from non-regulated activities rose by 50 per cent, to £46.7 million. Non-regulated activities now account for nearly 27 per cent of overall profits.

The interim dividend is payable on April 7.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Shares end almost level after see-saw session

A STRONG performance by government securities, sporting gains of more than £1, enabled the equity market to end a volatile session all-square on the day.

The appearance of bargain-hunters at the lower levels enabled the bond market to shrug off the effects of the latest gloomy inflation figures and stronger pound. Brokers say that it is only a matter of time before the Chancellor signals a further rise in base rates. However that was tempered yesterday by the Bundesbank, which hinted that it might find scope for another cut in rates.

The equity market took its lead from the bond market, having seen an early 13-point lead wiped out and replaced by a fall of almost 23 points after publication of the inflation figures. In the event, the FT-SE 100 index ended a volatile session 0.8 down at 3,926.1.

Turnover of more than a billion shares was swollen by several large bed-and-breakfast transactions designed to establish a tax loss before this month's Budget. These included **British Gas**, up 9p at 207½p, where volume reached 67.46 million shares as lines totalling 20 million went through the market.

There were also lines in **Shell**, down 4½p at 977p, on turnover of 35.6 million shares, and **Hanson**, ¼p firmer at 79½p, where almost 69 million shares changed hands.

Several profit downgrades left **Standard Chartered** 10p easier at 649p. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, is thought to have cut its forecast for the current year by £50 million to £880 million. At the same time, Crédit Lyonnais Laing has cut its estimate for 1996 by £30 million to £860 million and for next year from £920 million to £890 million.

Both brokers take the view that Standard, which is often tipped as a takeover target, may have run far enough for the time being, having peaked at 723p earlier this year.

Laing is urging clients to switch into **National Westminster**, up 5½p at 684p, which it says are the cheapest in the sector. **Royal Bank of Scotland** hardened 5½p to 494p after announcing it was in talks with Scottish Widows about areas of co-operation.

Shares of **East Midlands Electricity** edged 5p higher to 627½p, but remain well below the 670p a share being offered by Dominion Resources, the US power generator. City speculators remain worried that the bid will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. By the close of business a total of 5.3 million shares had been traded.

The food retailers were chased higher on the back of some encouraging words from Charterhouse Tilney, the broker. Top of its shopping list appears to be **J Sainsbury**, 10p better at 351p, but there were also gains for **Tesco**, up 2½p to 326½p, **Safeway**, 4½p to 357½p and **Asda**, ½p to 118p.

The drop in profits at **BT** came as no surprise to the City. Pre-tax profits during the second quarter were down £2 million at £730 million after higher redundancy charges charges of £183 million. But the pill was sweetened with a 6 per cent increase in the half-year payout and the promise of future profits growth. The shares responded with a rise of 9p at 369½p.

Better than expected half year figures, a big rise in the dividend, and news of a share buyback lifted **PowerGen** 3½p to 554p. It intends to buy back up to 10 per cent of the share capital in a move that will enhance earnings.

Figures from **South West Water** were positively received and the price was rewarded with a rise of 6p at 583½p. These were the first figures produced since the Government blocked bids for the company from Severn Trent and Wessex Water.

Profit-taking left **Ladbroke** 3p lower at 195½p after a positive trading update. Business in the third quarter was comfortably ahead of last year, in spite of taking an £8 million hit after the record seven wins in a day at Ascot by Frankie Dettori, the jockey.

The acquisition by **Great Universal Stores** of Experian, the US information services group, for £1.04 billion got a positive response, with the price climbing 57½p to 648p. **Sears**, the Selfridges and Freemans retailer, says it is thinking of ways to return surplus cash to shareholders. The news emerged as the group sold its Enoch Shopping Centre in Glasgow for almost £80 million, netting a profit of £19 million. Sears slipped ½p to 88½p.

The announcement of the deal saw shares of **House of Fraser** come off the boil, closing 2½p cheaper at 142p. There had been talk earlier in the week that **Burton**, ¾p firmer at 143¾p, might bid for the struggling retailer.

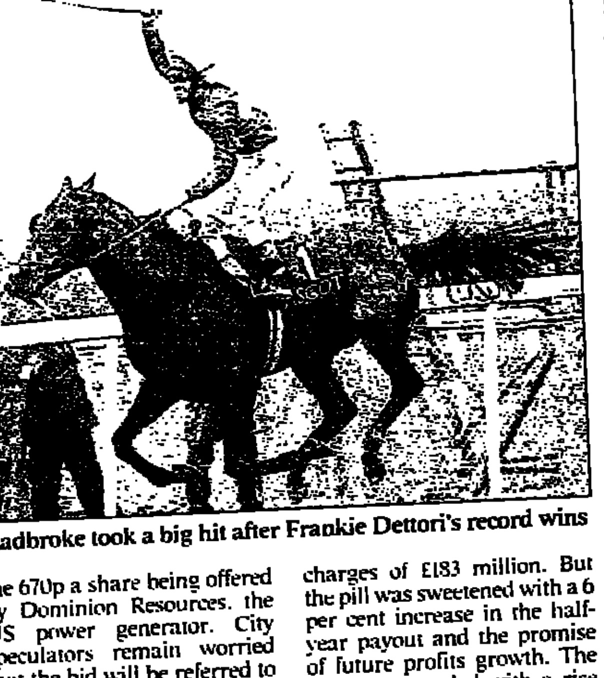
Nosey buyers pushed **Full Circle** 2¼p higher to 17¾p before interim figures later this month. The management holds 60 per cent of the equity and would reject any bid approaches. But the buyers have been tempted, having seen the price come back from a peak this year of 27p.

Business is booming at **Psion** so it is raising £14 million by way of share placing of 3.5 million shares at 400p each. The money will finance expansion. BZW, which placed the shares, has increased its profit forecast for 1997 by £2 million to £24 million. The shares rose 45p to 441½p.

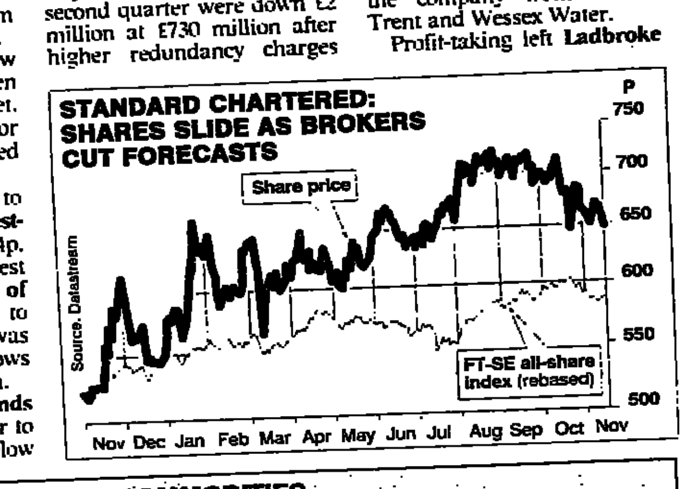
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Bargain-hunters and a hint that the Bundesbank might be tempted to cut interest rates enabled the bond market to end with some solid gains stretching to more than £1.

In the futures pit, the December series of the Long Gilt fell as low as £108 7/16, at one stage, signalling that the market was ripe to buy. It finished £¾ higher at £109 13/16 as a total of 134,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 advanced £31/32 to £101⅞, while among shorter-dated issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 rose three ticks to £102 11/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** After a slow morning, Wall Street stocks rallied at midday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 19.75 points to 6,293.99.


Ladbroke took a big hit after Frankie Dettori's record wins

Mercury Asset Management is being tipped to become a constituent of the top 100 companies. But the shares, at a high of £11.63½ on Wednesday, fell 7½p to £11.56 as one investor decided it was time to take profits. Brokers reported a bigline of 2.5 million shares on offer at £11.59¾p.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 6293.99 (+19.75)
S&P Composite 733.65 (+2.52)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 21031.04 (+51.60)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 13004.80 (+61.11)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 604.91 (+2.89)

Sydney:
AO 2362.5 (+15.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2777.01 (+3.58)

Singapore:
Straits 2189.76 (+43.28)

Brussels:
General 10153.09 (+76.29)

Paris:
CAC-40 2218.18 (+0.99)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 813.70 (+5.30)

London:
FT 30 2761.0 (-4.5)
FT 100 3926.1 (-0.8)
FTSE Mid 250 4398.9 (-11.3)
FTSE 350 1959.7 (-1.5)
FTSE Eurotrack 100 1811.76 (+12.40)
FT All-Share 1935.55 (-1.22)
FT Non Financials 2022.03 (-0.99)
FT Fixed Interest 115.37 (-0.02)
FT Govt Secs 93.81 (+0.13)
Bargains 34942
SEAQ Volume 1135.4m
USM (Datastrm) 202.11 (-0.14)
US$ 1.6635 (+0.0093)
German Mark 2.5102 (+0.0181)
Exchange Index 91.9 (+0.6)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2997
£:SDR 1.1550
RPI 153.8 Oct (2.7%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX 153.6 Oct (3.3%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Beaufort (3)	4	...
Beechcroft	4	...
Brands Hatch Leis	172½	...
Britt Allcroft	159½	...
Charles Taylor	165	...
Corp Exec Search (3)	4¼	...
Deep Sea Leisure	164½	...
First Russian Frts C	607½	...
Geo Interactive Md	96	...
Healthcare Reform	99½	...
Jardinerie Interiors	122½	...
John David Sports	300	...
Loftus Road (72)	69½	- 1½
Majestic Wines	218½	...
Mears Group	11¼	...
Mondas (75)	90½	...
Oriental Restaurants	231½	...
Scot Highland Htls	136½	- 1
Ultra Electronics	308½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

AG Holdings n/p	12½	...
Bridport-Gundry n/p	1¼	- 1¼
Capital Shop 625% n/p	2¼	...
European Leis n/p	13½	...
Perkins Foods n/p (74)	3½	- 3
Springwood n/p	82½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Osborne & little 875p (+100p)
Psion 441½p (+45p)
GUS 648p (+57½p)
Admiral 342p (+22p)
Acorn Comp 213½p (+11p)
Regent Inns 302p (+15½p)
Flextech 679p (+14p)
Bass 767½p (+11p)
Photobition 368½p (+12p)
Man Utd 530p (+24p)
Broken Hill 819p (+19½p)

FALLS:
Oxford Inst 470p (-21½p)
Capital Radio 540p (-16p)
Hamleys 424p (-10p)
De La Rue 557½p (-11p)
Biocomps Intl 579p (-11p)
Stand Chart 649p (-10p)
Danka Bs Sys 640p (-10p)
Argos 757p (-10½p)

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TEMPUS

Credit, where credit is due

THE EUPHORIA that greeted the GUS purchase of Experian looks a tad overdone. There is no question that GUS needed to find a better home for £1.2 billion than low interest-bearing deposits. Indeed, Experian is in a fast-growing business — credit information and customer profiles — an area GUS knows well through its CCN subsidiary.

Information on customers is a hot commodity and frequently forms the basis of key business decisions: who to give credit to; where to site a new store or what new products to develop. Experian will make GUS a leading supplier of such information on both sides of the Atlantic, and should also help it to expand into developing countries.

Unfortunately beefing up one side of the business has the effect of exposing weakness in the other. Up to 20 per cent of profits will come from the high-growth customer informat-ion, compared with 8 per cent before the purchase. Good news for shareholders but the fact remains that the core of GUS is still agency catalogue retailing which is fast losing market share to so-called direct mail order. In effect, telephone sales are supplanting face-to-face deals through local agents, the traditional backbone of the GUS catalogue business.

Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, the chairman, knows direct mail order well through his chairmanship of Next. Given his influence and GUS's sheer size — it still has a market share almost twice the size of its nearest competitor in mail order — there is little reason to doubt that the company will refocus on the more exciting parts of the mail order business. But it has yet to make a move. When it does, euphoria will be in order.

PowerGen

POWERGEN has been peddling a somewhat doomsday scenario to all who care to listen. The chief executive recently warned the trade and industry select committee that if its market share in electricity generation slipped below 15 per cent then PowerGen would be forced to abandon its overseas activities, retrench in Britain and cut jobs. All terribly bloody.

Yet today, the outlook is altogether rosier. Market share stands at 22 per cent, just six percentage points lower than its share at privatisation. Moreover, its share is unlikely to suffer much erosion from new capacity. The arrival of the army of new gas-fired generators has been much exaggerated. Rivals have been cautious in making the huge capital commitments needed for new power stations and there is little sign that the generators are about to see their business decimated by American utilities. Similarly, the regulator has not yet shown any signs of relaxing the restriction on regional companies owning more than 15 per cent of their own generating capacity.

Despite the blocking of generators' bids for Recs, growth in the UK is not a forlorn hope. Despite it frequent paybacks to investors, PowerGen still has plenty of financial clout and is expanding its upstream gas business. It is also seeking regulator-friendly love-ins with some Recs: a means of forging a link to domestic customers post-1998 if not direct access.

Royal Bank

AFTER several dalliances, Royal Bank of Scotland is getting serious with the girl next door. The bank was spurned by another local lass when Scottish Equitable, a previous partner, fell into the arms of Aegon, the Dutch insurer. Under its deal with Scottish Widows, Royal Bank gets a virtually exclusive arrangement with one of the UK's most desirable mutuals, without having to pay a takeover premium for the privilege.

Royal Bank is effectively handing over control of its life business to Widows, leaving its hands free to fend off English competition in the banking market. Its subsidiary, Direct Line, has a fledgling life company which will benefit from Widows' experience in selling pensions over the phone.

The move is also a defensive one for Direct Line, which has been feeling the pinch as motor market premium rates fail to rise. It has so far enjoyed only limited benefit from the upturn in UK life sales. In return, Widows gets the benefit of a stake in RBS's life company and a slug of extra income. Despite protestations to the contrary on both sides, this friendship could end in marriage.

Foreign & Colonial

IT HAS been a rotten year for Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust, the popular fund that has attracted an army of many thousands of private investors. Since it clawed its way into the FTSE-100 a year ago, it has been downhill nearly all the way. By the start of the month, it was underperforming the FT-SE All Share index by 15 per cent. It has lost its cherished Footsie status and an 8 per cent discount has opened up between its share price and its net asset value. A shocking state of affairs for F&C, which had been a watchword for consistency based on a record stretching back over decades. Some relief came yesterday in the shape of the £18.3 million it will receive from Hypo-Bank of Germany — payment for the trust's share of its management company, Hypo Foreign & Colonial Management. The cosiness of this relationship raises the odd concern, but the management company has undoubtedly been a highly successful investment. Hypo-Bank's first purchase in 1989 valued it at £36 million. Yesterday's deal pitches the price at £230 million. Whether this will mark a wider recovery in F&C's fortunes is more doubtful. With 60 per cent of its money overseas, the trust has been hit by the strong pound. Although F&C's managers remain highly regarded, the trust will have little respite until the rise of sterling is checked.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA
Dec 909-908 Mar 1015-1004
Mar 919-918 May 1008 BID
Mar 945 SLR Jul 1019 BID
Jul 960 SLR Sep 1025-1028
Sep 975-974
Dec 990 BID Volume 10288

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)
Nov 1502-1500 Jul 1369-1362
Jan 1434-1430 Sep 1370-1360
Mar 1378-1377 Nov 1363-1360
May 1362-1360 Volume 2518

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters Aug 306.5-303.5
Spot: 307.3 Oct 301.0-99.0
Dec 305.0-01.5 Dec 303.0-02.0
Mar 304.5-04.0 Mar 306.0-02.0
May 305.4-04.7 Volume 1332

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 13

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	89.85	136.57	104.54
(+/-)	+1.00	+7.67	+4.71
Eng/Wales	89.85	136.82	102.30
(+/-)	+1.00	+8.05	+4.93
(%)	-15.0	+16.0	-1.0
Scotland	unq	135.95	109.46
(+/-)		+6.01	+3.10
(%)		+53.0	+4.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)
CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)
Brent Physical 23.20 +0.35
Brent 15 day (Dec) 23.70 +0.40
Brent 15 day (Jan) 23.40 +0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Dec) 24.20 +0.45
W Texas Intermediate (Jan) 24.10 +0.45

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	230 (+1)	231 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	229 (+5)	230 (+4)
3.5 Fuel Oil	115 (+1)	117 (+1)
Naphtha	236 (+2)	238 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)
GAS OIL
Dec 214.50 SLR Mar 201.00-01.75
Jan 215.00-15.25 Apr 194.25-94.50
Feb 208.50-08.75 Vol. 15905

BRENT (6.00pm)
Dec 23.81-23.84 Mar 22.39 BID
Jan 23.42-23.43 Apr 21.60-21.98
Feb n/a Vol. 40374

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t) / **BARLEY (close £/t)**
Nov 92.50 | Nov 91.35
Jan 95.20 | Jan 92.50
Mar 97.00 | Mar 93.75
May 99.20 | May 94.75
Jul 99.30 | Sep 91.00
Volume 500 | Volume 62

POTATO (£/t) Open Close
Mar unq 62.0
Apr 69.3 69.0
May unq 74.0
Volume 76

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)
Nov 91.00-91.50

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 96	1445	1425	1445
Dec 96	1380	1336	1340
Jan 97	1324	1285	1315
Apr 97	1330	1305	1330

Vol: 597 lots Open interest: 3882
Index 1521 (-)

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2040.0-2041.0	2015.0-2016.0	240475
Lead ($/tonne)	718.00-719.00	726.00-726.50	163475
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1035.0-1036.5	1058.5-1059.0	522425
Tin ($/tonne)	5930.0-5940.0	5970.0-5975.0	33140
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1406.0-1407.0	1432.0-1432.5	1315025
Nickel ($/tonne)	7045.0-7050.0	7140.0-7145.0	52062

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FTSE 100 (Previous open interest: 62730)	Dec 96	3946.0	3958.0	3919.0	3935.0	15374
	Mar 97				3951.0	0
FTSE 250 (Previous open interest: 4193)	Dec 96	4416.0	4416.0	4416.0	4416.0	2
	Mar 97					0
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 517462)	Dec 96	93.54	93.55	93.46	93.51	27379
	Mar 97	93.24	93.26	93.13	93.23	38059
	Jun 97	92.92	92.93	92.80	92.91	33782
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97	99.35	99.35	99.35	99.35	200
	Jun 97	99.17	99.18	99.17	99.16	1355
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 1113369)	Dec 96	96.80	96.81	96.79	96.81	18679
	Mar 97	96.80	96.84	96.79	96.83	30946
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 145075)	Dec 96	108-28	110-04	108-14	109-26	133229
	Mar 97	108-12	109-04	107-30	109-03	4049
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	124.45	124.50	124.20	124.45	3363
	Mar 97	123.48	123.59	123.32	123.53	406
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 261746)	Dec 96	100.68	101.08	100.60	100.96	176000
	Mar 97	99.63	100.09	99.63	99.99	5171
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 27683)	Dec 96	95.82	95.85	95.82	95.83	689
	Mar 97	95.93	95.85	95.81	95.84	576
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 92327)	Dec 96	97.99	98.04	97.95	98.00	5689
	Mar 97	97.96	98.01	97.93	97.96	8968
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 101529)	Dec 96	126.50	127.90	126.50	127.46	67141
	Mar 97	125.80	126.90	125.60	126.56	3476

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	420	35½	39½	42½	6½	12	19
(*453)	460	10	17½	22½	27½	32½	40
ASDA	110	10½	12½	15	1	3½	4½
(*119)	120	4½	7	9½	5	7½	8½
Boots	600	16½	31	39½	18½	25	34
(*601)	650	4	12	19	57	61	65
Br Airways	550	40½	62	69	6½	14	20
(*590½)	600	14½	33½	41	27½	33½	42½
BP	650	31	44½	52½	17½	29	35
(*655½)	700	11½	24½	30	49	56	63
Br Steel	160	11½	16½	20	3	5½	10
(*170)	180	3	7½	10½	14½	16½	22
C & W	460	23½	36½	45½	12	18½	25½
(*474)	500	7½	17½	26½	34½	40½	47
CU	600	52½	62	67	5½	15½	20
(*641½)	650	20	31½	39½	22	40	44
ICI	750	38½	52	59½	13	30	35½
(*766)	800	14	26	35	38½	57½	63½
Land Sec	700	31½	47	54½	7	13½	22
(*727)	750	8	20	27	34½	38½	48
M & S	460	27	38	42½	5½	10½	15½
(*478½)	500	7	17	21½	26½	30½	35
Nat West	650	45	57	64½	7½	23	29½
(*683)	700	19	29	38½	29½	49	55½
Safeway plc	330	30	38½	43	4	9	14½
(*357½)	360	10½	21	26	16	21½	29
Sainsbury	330	27	35½	38½	3	6½	11½
(*351)	360	9	17½	21½	14½	19½	26
Shell	950	45	61½	69	12	31	35
(*976)	1000	19½	35½	42½	35	53	60½
Smkl Bch	750	35½	52	65½	17½	31	39½
(*767½)	800	13½	29	42½	49	58	66
Storehse	300	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	330	0	—	—	0	—	—
Trafalgar	50	0	—	—	0	—	—
(*unq)	60	0	—	—	0	—	—
Zeneca	1600	94	127½	154	41	66½	79
(*1636)	1700	50½	77	105	95½	117½	130

Series		Calls Nov	Jan	Apr	Puts Nov	Jan	Apr
BAT Ind	420	7	20	31	6	15	20
(*420)	460	0	7	14	39½	41½	46
Vodafone	220	17	20	27	0	4½	7½
(*236½)	240	2	9	16	5½	13	16½

Series		Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	460	5½	19½	28½	2	20½	24½
(*463)	500	0	5½	13½	37	48½	51
Ladbroke	190	15½	20½	23½	0	2½	6½
(*195½)	200	1	8	11½	5	9½	15
Utd Bisc	200	3½	13	16	2	9	12½
(*212)	220	0	4½	8	19	20½	25½

November 14, 1996 Tot: 61200 Call: 26373 Put: [illegible] FTSE Call: [illegible] Put: [illegible]

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	460	29	41	49	5½	11½	15
(*485)	500	9	19½	27½	24	30½	34
Thames W	550	27	41½	50	10½	20	35
(*569½)	600	7	19½	26	41	46½	62½

Series		Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
BTR	220	10	20	29	0	7½	7½
(*229)	240	2½	13½	16½	3	10	16
Br Aero	1100	46	79	96½	0½	19½	31
(*1144)	1150	10	49½	68	13½	39	52½
Br Telecm	360	10	19	26	1½	13	16½
(*366½)	390	0	7	13	21½	32	34
Cadbury	500	6	25	32	3	15	25
(*503)	550	0	6	12	47	48	57½
Guinness	420	27½	30½	44½	0	4½	12
(*447)	460	1	14½	21½	13½	21½	31
GEC	360	5	16	24	3	12½	16½
(*361½)	390	0	5½	11½	29½	32½	34½
Hanson	110	0	4½	—	0	4	—
(*115½)	119	1	5	—	4	9	—
LASMO	200	10	18½	21	1	5	7
(*209½)	220	0½	9½	11½	10½	14½	17
LucasVarity	220	17½	25	30	0	5	8
(*237)	240	2½	13	19	5	12½	16½
Pilkingtn	140	16½	20½	24	0	1½	2½
(*156½)	160	1	7½	12	4	9½	10½
Prudential	420	38	48½	54½	0	5	11½
(*457½)	460	5	21½	29	6	18½	29
Redland	390	20	33	40	0½	8	16
(*409)	420	2	15½	23	12½	20½	31
R-Royce	240	7½	19	21½	1½	9	13
(*246)	260	0½	10	12	14	21	24
Tesco	300	26	34	39½	0	3½	9
(*325½)	330	2½	14½	21	6½	14	21½
Williams	330	10½	—	—	1	—	—
(*339½)	360	0	—	—	20½	—	—

FTSE INDEX (*3922)

	3800	3850	3900	3950	4000	4050
Calls						
Nov	122½	72½	24½	1½	0½	0½
Dec	156	117	81	50	27½	12½
Jan	178½	140	107	76½	52	33½
Feb	202½	166	134	103½	79½	57
Jun	264½	—	319½	—	149	—
Puts						
Nov	0½	0½	1	28	78	128
Dec	20	30	45	67	97	136½
Jan	33	45	62	84	112	149½
Feb	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Series		Calls Dec	Apr	Jul	Puts Dec	Apr	Jul
Abby Natl	600	55	69	75½	2	15	20
(*647½)	650	19	36	46	15½	36	41½
Amstrad	160	11	—	—	5½	—	—
(*164½)	180	3½	—	—	18	—	—
Barclays	950	29½	57	66½	15	43½	51½
(*956)	1000	9	30	44½	46½	77½	81
Natl Pwr	400	35	44½	—	3½	9	—
(*434½)	450	4	17½	—	24	29	—

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo W	900	64½	93½	95½	10	27	35
(*946)	950	33	57½	69	27½	49	57½
HSBC	1250	63	92½	117	30½	55½	71½
(*1290½)	1300	35	65½	91	42½	79	96½
Reuter	700	46	65½	77½	9½	25	29½
(*731½)	750	20½	38	51	30½	46½	53
Royal & Sun	394	31	39	—	4	15½	—
(*416)	431	10½	15	—	21	35½	—

Series		Calls Dec	Feb	May	Puts Dec	Feb	May
Blue Circ	360	23	30½	36	3	6½	14
(*378)	390	5½	13½	20	16	19	29

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Kingfshr	600	37½	45	56	17	29½	35
(*612)	650	15	24½	33	45½	57½	62½

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Unilever	1350	18½	47½	58½	25	35	57
(*1350½)	1400	4½	25	36	62½	67	96

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Br Gas	200	10½	17½	20	3½	6½	11½
(*207)	220	2	8½	11	14½	17½	23
Dixons	550	20½	36½	49½	11½	23	29½
(*555½)	600	3½	16½	27½	45½	52½	55
EMI Group	1250	39	72	99½	20	44½	53
(*1262½)	1300	17	49½	74	47	70½	78½
Tarmac	80	9	12½	13½	0½	2	3
(*90)	90	3	6½	8	4	6	7½
Hillsdwn	160	14½	19½	20½	0½	2½	6½
(*173)	180	2½	7	9	8	11	17
Lonrho	130	7	10½	12½	2	6	7½
(*134)	140	2	5½	8	7½	11½	13
Sears	80	9½	—	—	0	—	—
(*88½)	90	2½	—	—	3	—	—
Thorn EMI	1600	41½	—	—	17½	—	—
(*1609)	1700	7½	—	—	92½	—	—
Tomkins	240	17	22½	25	2½	6	9½
(*253)	260	6	12	17½	10½	16½	19
Lloyds TSB	360	28½	35	39½	1½	7½	12
(*385½)	390	7	16	22½	9½	21½	26
Scot Pwr	294	27	32½	—	1	5	—

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth 5⅞. Sell: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth: 5¾.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛
Interbank	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛
Overnight: open 5⅞ close 5½					
Local Authority Deps:	6⅛	n/a	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.30	n/a	5.38	5.44	5.61
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¼-4¾	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜	5⅝-5½	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2¾	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-2¾
French Franc:	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	2-1
Swiss Franc:	1⅛-1⅛	1⅛-1⅛	1⅛-1⅛	1⅛-1⅛	1-par
Yen:	½-½	½-½	½-½	½-½	½-½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.10-383.40 Close: $382.20-382.70 High: $383.45-383.95
Low: $381.05-381.55 AM: $382.65 PM: $383.00
Krugerrand: $381.75-384.75 (£229.25-231.25)
Platinum: $386.25 (£232.00) Silver: $4.90 (£2.935) Palladium: $120.50 (£72.35)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8094-2.8166	2.8143-2.8166	½-¼pr	2¼-2pr
Brussels	51.600-51.785	51.680-51.785	16-11pr	45-38pr
Copenhagen	9.6170-9.6467	9.6379-9.6467	2¼-1¼pr	7-6pr
Dublin	0.9981-1.0015	0.9997-1.0009	6-2pr	19-13pr
Frankfurt	2.5050-2.5117	2.5095-2.5117	½-¼pr	2-1¼pr
Lisbon	253.03-253.96	253.62-253.82	¼-½ds	½-½ds
Madrid	210.86-211.36	211.20-211.36	9-20ds	19-37ds
Milan	2522.0-2527.0	2522.0-2526.1	25-41ds	61-84ds
Montreal	2.2184-2.2236	2.2184-2.2203	0.61-0.55pr	0.124-0.116pr
New York	1.6630-1.6650	1.6630-1.6638	0.115-0.095pr	0.37-0.34pr
Oslo	10.499-10.533	10.522-10.533	½-½pr	6½-6pr
Paris	8.4670-8.4874	8.4815-8.4874	2-1½pr	¾-½pr
Stockholm	11.005-11.038	11.021-11.038	¼-¼pr	2½-2pr
Tokyo	184.99-186.10	184.14-185.34	¼-½pr	2½-2½pr
Vienna	17.628-17.675	17.659-17.675	¼-¼pr	1¼-1½pr
Zurich	2.1174-2.1208	2.1183-2.1206	[illegible]	[illegible]

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2635-1.2643
Austria	10.61-10.62
Belgium (Com)	31.06-31.10
Canada	1.3356-1.3361
Denmark	5.7875-5.7895
France	5.0965-5.0995
Germany	1.5082-1.5087
Hong Kong	7.7318-7.7328
Ireland	1.6631-1.6646
Italy	1516.95-1517.45
Japan	111.28-111.38
Malaysia	2.5258-2.5265
Netherlands	1.6912-1.6917
Norway	6.3247-6.3284
Portugal	152.45-152.50
Singapore	1.4000-1.4010
Spain	126.96-127.00
Sweden	6.6284-6.6359
Switzerland	1.2724-1.2729

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6632-1.6659
Australia dollar	2.1016-2.1042
Bahrain dinar	0.6200-0.6320
Brazil real*	1.7195-1.7240
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7565-0.7665
Finland markka	7.4775-7.5935
Greece drachma	391.0-398.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.8595-12.8689
India rupee	58.94-59.90
Indonesia rupiah	3847.0-3915.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4910-0.5010
Malaysia ringgit	4.2012-4.2049
New Zealand dollar	2.3354-2.3385
Pakistan rupee	66.10 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9850-6.1090
Singapore dollar	2.3286-2.3317
S Africa rand (com)	7.7340-7.8360
U A E dirham	6.0375-6.1615

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	1,300	Lloyds TSB	6,500
ASDA Gp	4,500	LucasVarity	2,300
Abbey Ntl	2,500	Marks Spr	3,100
Allied Dom	2,300	NatWst Bk	2,400
Argos	135	Nat Grid	3,000
AB Foods	613	Nat Power	3,000
BAA	1,000	Next	1,500
BAT Inds	5,000	Orange	12,600
BOC	452	P & O	1,100
BP	5,300	Pearson	592
BSkyB	2,900	Pilkington	3,800
BTR	44,300	PowerGen	3,000
BT	52,100	Prudential	2,700
Bk of Scot	3,100	RMC	414
Barclays	1,900	RTZ	1,700
Bass	3,500	Railtrack	1,200
Blue Circle	1,900	Rank Group	6,400
Boots	1,700	Reckitt Col	612
BAe	1,300	Redland	687
BA	5,400	Reed Intl	1,900
Brit Gas	67,500	Rentokil	4,500
Brit Steel	22,300	Reuters	4,500
Burmah Cstl	810	Rolls Royce	2,200
Burton	3,600	Royal & Sun	1,500
Cable Wire	3,200	Royal Bk Sct	1,200
Cadbury	1,600	Safeway	3,900
Carlton Cms	2,200	Sainsbury	6,000
Cm Union	2,200	Schroders	398
Courtaulds	4,200	Scot & New	716
Dixons	915	Scot Power	1,800
EMI	2,300	Svrn Trent	1,200
Enterpr Oil	1,600	Shell Trans	35,700
GKN	1,400	Siebe	1,400
GRE	3,700	SmKl Bch	2,300
GUS	11,700	Smith Nph	2,900
Gen Acc	1,900	Smiths Inds	495
Gen Elec	3,800	Std Chartd	5,500
Glaxo Well	7,100	TI Gp	936
Granada	332	Tate & Lyle	952
Grand Met	3,700	Tesco	4,700
Guinness	3,700	Thames W	2,000
HSBC	1,900	Tomkins	3,200
Hanson	69,000	Unilever	1,200
ICI	907	Utd Utilities	1,300
Imp Tob	10,000	Utd News	924
Kingfisher	1,000	Vodafone	7,500
LASMO	4,800	Whitbread	1,300
Ladbroke	2,700	Wlms Hld	1,700
Land Secs	742	Wolseley	1,200

WALL STREET

	Nov 14 midday	Nov 13 close
AMP Inc	34¼	34½
AMR Corp	88½	87½
ASA	39½	40½
AT & T	37½	37½
Abbott Labs	52½	52½
Advanced Micro	24	21¾
Aetna Life	69¼	69
Ahmanson (HF)	30½	30½
Air Prod & Chem	67½	67½
AirTouch Comm	26½	26½
Alberto-Culver B	47½	47½
Albertson's	35½	35
Alcan Aluminum	35	35½
Alco Standard	49½	50
Allied Signal	71	70½
Alum Co of Am	61½	61
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	56½	55½
Amer Brands	49	48½
Amer El Power	42½	42
Amer Express	50½	50½
Amer Genl Corp	39½	39½
Amer Home Pr	62½	62½
Amer Intl	109	110½
Amer Stores	39½	40½
Amer Standard	36½	36½
Ameritech	55	55½
Amoco	76½	76
Anheuser-Busch	41½	41½
Apple Computer	25½	25½
Archer Daniels	21½	21½
Armco	4	4
Armstrong Wrld	69½	69½
Asarco	26½	26½
Atl Richfield	131½	131½
Auto Data Pro	41½	41½
Avery Dennison	68½	69½
Avon Products	57½	57½
Baker Hughes	36½	36½
Baltim Gas & El	27½	28
Banc One	41½	41½
BankAmerica	94½	93½
Bank of NY	32½	32½
Bankers Tr NY	81½	81½
Barnett Banks	39½	39½
Bausch & Lomb	33½	33½
Baxter Intl	42½	43½
Bectn Dickinsn	40½	40
Bell Atlantic	61½	60½
Bell Industries	18½	18½
BellSouth	39½	40
Black & Decker	35½	36½
Block (H&R)	27½	27½
Boeing	92½	91½
Boise Cascade	29½	29½
Bristol Myrs Sq	110	109½
Browning Ferris	26	26½
Brunswick	24½	24½
Burlington Nthn	85	84½
CMS Energy Corp	31½	31½
CNA Financial	102½	101½
CPC Intl	80½	80½
CSX	44½	44½
Campbell Soup	81½	81½
Can Pacific	26½	26½
Carolina Pwr	36½	36½
Caterpillar	74½	75½
Central & SW	27	27½
Champion Intl	41½	42½
Chase Manhat	87½	86½
Chevron Corp	65½	65½
Chrysler	33½	33½
Chubb Corp	53	52½
Cigna Corp	137	136½
Citicorp	102½	102
Clorox	107½	107½
Coastal Corp	46	46½
Coca Cola	52½	52½
Coca Cola Ent	47	46½
Colgate-Palmolive	93½	94
Columbia Gas	61½	61½
ColumbiaHCA	38	38½
Compaq Comp	76½	76
Comp Ass Intl	59½	58½
Conagra	52½	52½
Conrail	95½	96½
Cons Edison	29½	29½
Cons Nat Gas	54½	54½
Cooper Inds	41½	41½
Corestates	50½	50½
Corning Inc	39½	39½
Crown Cork	50½	50½
Dana Corp	30½	30½
Dayton Hudson	36½	38½
Deere	41½	41½
Delta Air Lines	75½	75½
Deluxe Corp	31½	32½
Digital Equip	31½	31½
Dillard Dept St	28½	29
Disney (Walt)	70½	70½
Dominion Res	40½	40½
Donelley (RR)	32½	32
Dover Corp	52½	52½
Dow Chemical	85	84
Dow Jones	33½	33½
Dresser	32½	32½
Duke Power	47½	47½
Dun & Bradstreet	22½	22½

	Nov 14 midday	Nov 13 close
Eastman Kodak	82½	83½
Eaton Corp	65	65
Edison Intl	19½	19½
Emerson Elec	99½	99½
Engelhard Corp	18½	18
Enron Corp	44½	44
Entergy	28½	28½
Ethyl Corp	8½	8½
Exxon	90½	90½
FMC Corp	76½	76½
FPL Group	47½	47½
Federal Express	42½	42
Fed Nat Mtge	39½	39½
First Bk Sys	66½	65½
First Union Rlty	10½	10
Fleet Finl Grp	51½	50½
Fluor Corp	68½	68½
Ford Motor	31½	31½
GTE Corp	43½	43½
Gannett	76½	76½
Gap Inc Del	31½	31½
Gencorp	16½	16½
Gen Dynamics	70½	71½
Gen Electric	103½	102½
Gen Mills	58½	58½
Gen Motors	55½	55
Gen Reinsurance	158½	159
Gen Signal	41½	41½
Genuine Parts	44½	44½
Georgia Pac	71½	72½
Gillette	74½	74½
Glaxo Wellc ADR	31½	31½
Goodrich (BF)	44½	44½
Goodyear Tire	47½	47½
Gt Atl Pac Tea	32½	32½
Great Wstn Fin	28	28
Halliburton	60½	61
Harcourt General	51½	51½
Heinz (HJ)	37½	37½
Hercules	46½	47½
Hershey Foods	50½	50½
Hewlett Packard	49½	48½
Hilton Hotels	29½	29½
Home Depot	53½	54
Homestake Mng	16½	16½
Honeywell	65½	65½
Household Intl	93½	92½
Houston Inds	22½	23
Humana	19½	19½
ITT Corp	45½	45½
Illinois Tool	79½	79½
Illinova	28½	27½
INCO	34	34½
Ingersoll Rand	43½	43½
Inland Steel	18½	17
Intel Corp	120½	119½
IBM	136½	134½
Intl Flav & Fr	43	43½
Intl Paper	42½	42½
James River Va	30½	30½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	50½	50½
Kellogg	68½	67½
Kerr-McGee	68	64½
Kimberly-Clark	95½	95½
Kmart	9½	9½
Knight-Ridder	39	38½
Lilly (Eli)	75½	75½
Limited Inc	17½	17½
Lincoln Nat	50½	50½
Litton	48	47½
Liz Claiborne	43½	43½
Lockheed Martin	92½	92½
Louisiana Pac	21½	21½
MCI Comm	29½	28½
Marriott Int	54½	54½
Marsh & McLnn	109½	110
Masco Corp	33½	34
May Dept St	46½	46½
Maytag Corp	19½	19½
McDonalds	47½	47½
McDonnell D	56½	55½
McGraw Hill	46½	46½
Mead Corp	56½	57½
Medtronic	68½	67½
Mellon Bk	64½	64½
Melville Corp	40½	39½
Merck Inc	81	80½
Merrill Lynch	78½	77½
Microsoft	149	145
Minnesota Mine	80½	80½
Mobil Corp	118½	118½
Monsanto	41½	41½
Morgan (JP)	86½	86½
Motorola Inc	53½	51½
Natl Semi	22½	21
Natl Service Ind	34½	34½
Navistar Int	9½	9½
NY Times A	36½	36
Newmont Mng	50	50½
Niag Mohawk	8½	8½
Nike B	54½	55½
NL Industries	7½	7½
Noram Energy	15½	15½
Nordstrom	41½	41½
Norfolk Sthrn	91	88½
Nthn State Pwr	48½	48½
Norwest Corp	43½	42½
Nynex Corp	45½	45½

	Nov 14 midday	Nov 13 close
Oracle	46½	45½
Oryx Energy Co	20½	20½
Overseas Ship	17½	17½
Owens Corning	38½	39
PHH Corp	47½	47½
PPG Industries	58½	59½
PNC Bank	36½	36½
PP&L Res	24	24½
Paccar Inc	58½	60
Pacificorp	21½	21½
Pac Enterprises	30½	30½
Pac Gas & Elect	24½	24½
Pac Telesis	34½	34
Pall Corp	26½	26½
Parker Hannifin	39½	38½
Peco Energy	26½	26½
Penney (JC)	50½	50½
Pennzoil	52	51½
Pepsico	32½	32
Pfizer	89½	87½
Pharm & Upjhn	37½	38
Phelps Dodge	65½	66½
Philip Morris	101½	99½
Phillips Pet	41½	40½
Pitney Bowes	57½	56½
Polaroid	40½	40
PriceCostco	21½	21½
Procter & Gmbl	105½	105½
Providian	49½	49½
Pub Serv E & G	27½	27½
Quaker Oats	37½	37½
Ralston Purina	76½	75
Raychem Corp	81	80½
Raytheon	49½	50½
Reebok Intl	38½	37½
Reynolds Metals	58½	58½
Rockwell Intl	60½	60
Rohm & Haas	81	79½
Royal Dutch	164½	163½
Rubbermaid	23½	23
SBC Comms	48½	48½
Safeco Corp	36½	36½
St Paul's Co	54½	54½
Salomon Inc	45½	49½
Sara Lee Corp	39½	39½
Schering Plough	70	70½
Schlumberger	100	100½
Seagram	37½	38
Sears Roebuck	49½	49½
Shell Trans	98½	97½
Sherwin Wllms	54½	54½
Skyline Corp	27½	27
Snap-On-Tools	34½	33½
Southern Co	22½	22½
Sprint Corp	42½	42
Stanley Works	29½	29½
Sun Company	23½	23
Sun Microsys	59½	57½
Suntrust	46½	46½
Supervalu	30	30½
Sysco Corp	34½	34½
TRW Inc	94½	94½
TCC Inds	1½	1½
Tandem Comp	13½	13½
Tandy Corp	47½	47½
Temple Inland	51	51½
Tenneco	49½	50½
Texaco	97½	98
Texas Inst	56	54½
Texas Utilities	42	41½
Textron	89½	90½
Time Warner	40	39½
Times-Mirror A	47½	47½
Timken	45½	45½
Torchmark	47½	49½
Toys R Us	34½	35
Transamerica	78½	77½
Travelers	60	59½
Tribune	84½	84½
Tyco Intl	53½	53½
UST Inc	31½	31
UAL	52	51½
US Inds	29½	29½
US West Comm	30½	30½
USX Marathon	21½	21½
Unicom	27½	27½
Unilever NV	165	165½
Union Camp	49½	48½
Union Carbide	46½	46½
Union Pacific	56½	56½
Unisys Corp	6½	6½
USAIR Group	21	20½
USF&G Corp	19½	19½
US Life	29½	29½
United Tech	132½	133
Unocal Corp	38½	38
VF Corp	67½	67½
WMX Tech	33½	33½
Wal-Mart Stores	24½	24½
Warner-Lambert	70	70½
Wells Fargo	272½	269½
Westinghouse El	19½	19½
Weyerhaeuser	45½	45½
Whirlpool	48½	48½
Whitman	23½	23½
Winn Dixie	34	34
Woolworth	24½	24
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	58½	58½

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Late-runner pulls ahead

A BACKER for *London Financial News*, the hapless City trade magazine, is expected to sign on the dotted line today. In the end, it was a race between two rival bidders. A UK-based company, with interests in publishing, that had been in talks with Clive Wolman, the founder and Editor, when the magazine first fell into financial difficulty reappeared on the scene only days ago. By that stage, Wolman and his team were already in serious talks with another company. But with one whiff of a more immediate answer to their prayers, word has it that they plumped for the late-runner.

Rise of Rupert

RUPERT HESELTINE, son of Michael, is destined for greater things. Since his father recently upped his stake at Haymarket Publishing, there have been whispers in the corridors that it won't be long before Tarzan's son is promoted for the second time in two months. An account manager at the group's new publication, *Sky Sports*, the 28-year-old blond bachelor tells me that he knows nothing about plans for his promotion. However, an insider at the company says that a folder has been spotted entitled "What to do about Rupert."

Lawyers' beano

DIBB Lupton Alsop is off to London for a celebration beano this week, even though talk of staff cuts is at an all-time high at the newly merged, Northern-based law firm. At least 190 partners will be staying at the Mayfair Inter-Continental. The total cost of the outing is said to be about £45,000. They will be meeting at the Mayfair this weekend, with a chartered coach to take them about, while their partners head for a pampering session at The Sanctuary in Covent Garden or to the West End show, *Scrooge*.

Saatchi: McDonald's deal

BY DINGO, Maurice Saatchi is spreading his tentacles down under. His advertising agency M&C Saatchi has just won the A$60 million (£30 million) account to persuade Australians not to put another shrimp on the barbie but head down to McDonald's instead. Hopes are not high, though, that M&C can win the UK account.

Seeing red

ROWAN "Gatecrasher" Gormley, managing director of Virgin Direct, raised eyebrows on Wednesday night when he stormed into a party hosted by Standard Life. Posing as a journalist from a national newspaper, Gormley wandered into The Ivy and helped himself to his Scottish competitor's wine. But the Virgin interloper couldn't pull the wool over the eyes of his perceptive hosts. "Strip down and there'll be a red uniform underneath that suit," said a particularly cross Standard Life employee. Unabashed, Gormley continued to tuck into the canapés, but I'm told that he has kindly invited the aggrieved employee to Virgin's Christmas bash.

MORAG PRESTON

If I were Chancellor I would raise taxes not interest rates

Inflation could be contained by using fiscal restraints as an alternative to monetarism

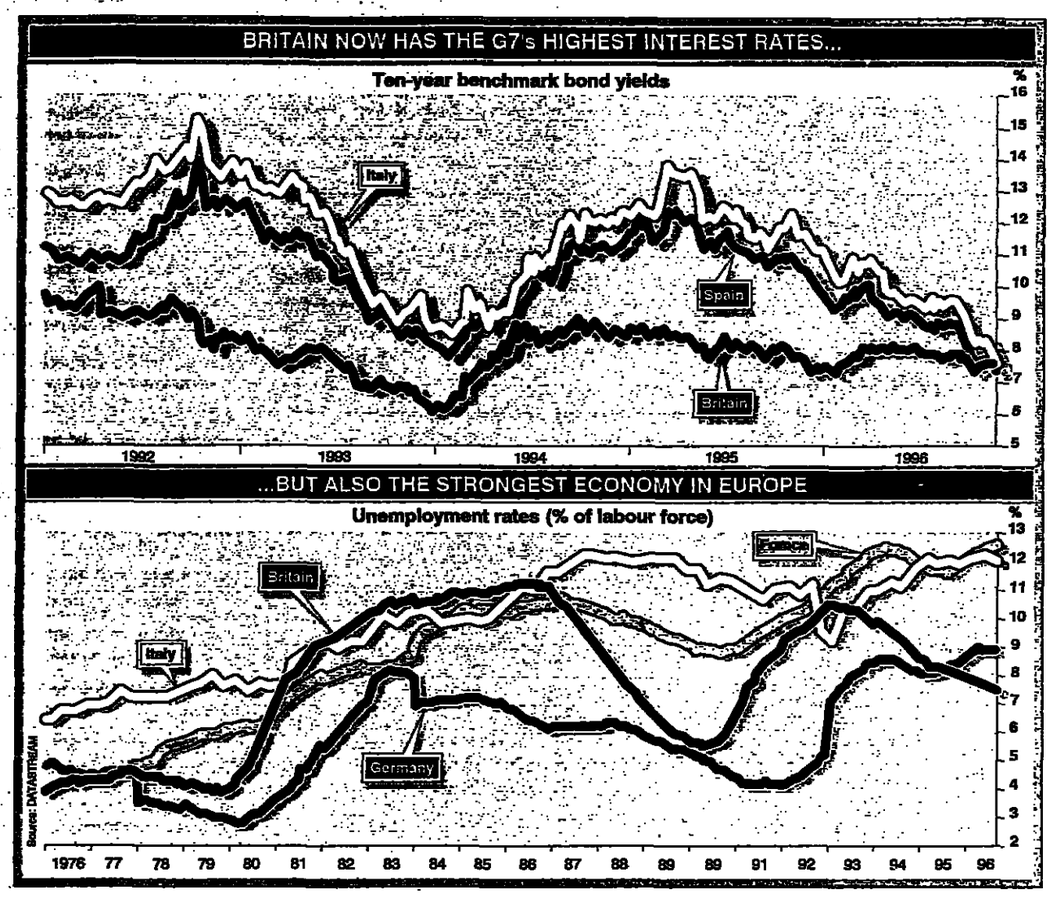
It is all very well to blame the Chancellor for raising interest rates and pushing the pound back towards its crippling level of the ERM period. But what else could Kenneth Clarke have done? Inflation is starting to accelerate. Consumer demand is strong and getting stronger. Unemployment is still too high, but wages are now rising quickly.

In a nutshell, as the Bank of England has rightly argued, something has to be done to prevent the economy taking off in another inflationary spiral. The question is whether that "something" should be to increase interest rates and push up sterling.

The rest of this article will argue that the policy of monetary tightening and currency appreciation chosen by the Chancellor will do grave damage to the British economy, and will outline the course that Mr Clarke should have pursued. That alternative can be described as the non-monetary approach to controlling inflation, or to put it less technically and more bluntly: a tough tax-raising Budget. And in case that still sounds like a fanciful "soft option", I will spell out in next week's Economic View some of the specific measures on taxes and public spending that could be announced as soon as this month's Budget, if Mr Clarke wanted to avert the disaster for British industry implied by his present course.

But, first let us take a step backwards and consider the present predicament faced by Mr Clarke. After the figures on price and wage inflation published in the past two days there can surely be no doubt that interest rates will be pushed much higher if the Chancellor sticks to the Treasury dogma that monetary policy is the only tool that can be used to control inflation. If the Chancellor insists on remaining a monetarist "one-club golfer", as Sir Edward Heath once memorably described Nigel Lawson, base rates seem certain to rise by at least another 0.5 per cent between now and the general election — and by much more beyond that, especially if a Labour government, anxious to prove its anti-inflationary mettle, comes to power.

I would be very surprised if the present upward trend in interest rates were to come to an end before base rates reached 7.5 per cent or 8 per cent. That is roughly what the financial futures markets are now assuming and the minimum that would have a chance of reversing the trend in inflation, assuming that the Government does nothing else to control the growth of demand.



By the standards of recent history, an interest rate of 8 per cent may not seem alarming. But they have to be seen in the international context. Today's global economy is very different from the high interest rate world of the 1970s and 1980s. Britain already has the highest interest rates in the advanced world. This dubious distinction was achieved on Monday when, for the first time in history, the rate of interest on Italian government bonds crossed over with the yield on British gilt-edged securities.

If they continue rising, sterling will become ever more overvalued, decimating Britain's manufacturers and exporters as it did in 1979-81 and 1990-92. It is no coincidence that both these disasters occurred in the years since the Treasury's forced conversion to the monetarist faith in 1979.

So far, Britain's relatively high rates have reflected our high economic growth compared with the stagnation in Europe. But in the year ahead this benign relationship will change. Europe's interest rates will remain low because continental countries are slashing their budget deficits, and thereby also restraining their inflation. But Britain's Budget deficits will be among the highest in Europe and inflation will be on the rise.

The markets are realising that the only policy that British Governments can contemplate to control inflation is to increase interest rates — and to keep putting them up. This means that the pound, which is already the world's highest-yielding currency, will become ever more attractive to short-term investors.

Yesterday, sterling shot past $1.65 and DM2.50, hitting its highest level against the dollar since December 1992. This means that most of the gains in international competitiveness enjoyed by British industrialists and exporters since White Wednesday have now been reversed. But this monetary vicious circle has only just begun to turn. The flows of hot money into Britain will only stop when sterling reaches a level so manifestly overvalued that even the New York hedge and the Japanese life insurers take fright. On past experience that level will be much higher than almost anyone expects when the bull market begins.

And if there is even a hint that a future government might take Britain into the European monetary union? It is easy to imagine a disaster on the scale of 1979-80 or 1990-91. EMU membership would remove the main deterrent to buying sterling — the risk of suddenly losing your entire speculative gains — making sterling the proverbial one-way bet. Under these circumstances, the markets could drive the pound all the way back to the old ERM level of DM2.95 (a level, incidentally, that Eddie George considered was too low).

A grim picture, then. But is there any alternative apart from just letting inflation rip? The answer is as clear today as it was on the eve of White Wedendsay, when a Chancellor last insisted that there was only one possible policy for keeping inflation under control. In fact, the alternative today is the same as it was then — to abandon the purely monetary approach to inflation control. Instead, the economy must be restrained with lower public spending or higher taxes. In practice what I mean is that Mr Clarke should increase taxes.

In theory, demand can be restrained even more effectively by cutting spending than by raising taxes. But the squeeze on public spending is already so intense that further substantial cuts could only be achieved through sweeping policy changes of a kind that could not be introduced in a single Budget — for example, the complete abolition of the basic state pension. In practice, therefore, an increase in taxes is the only real alternative to higher interest rates.

How big a tax increase is needed? The rules of thumb inferred from past experience, and incorporated in various econometric models, suggest that to achieve a 1 percentage point reduction in inflation would require an increase in interest rates of around 1 per cent, which may be about what the Treasury and the Bank of England have in mind between now and the middle of next year. Such an increase in interest rates would reduce economic growth by around 0.5 per cent in each of the first two years. To achieve a similar economic slowdown through fiscal policy would require a tax increase of about 0.5 per cent of GDP, or £3.5 billion.

Given that Mr Clarke has probably already pencilled into his Budget a tax *cut* of £2 to £3 billion, it would not take a very dramatic gesture on fiscal policy to obviate any increase in interest rates before the election. All Mr Clarke would have to do is forgo all plans for tax cuts, which is precisely the policy very sensibly being urged on him by the CBI and other business groups.

Looking further ahead, however, a mere standstill on current fiscal policy would probably not be enough. To bring inflation back below the Government's 2.5 per cent target would probably require a rate increase of another 2 points. The cost of avoiding such a monetary tightening would be a tax increase of around £7 billion — or a net increase of £5 billion on top of the £2 billion of pre-election tax cuts that could be forgone.

This seems a plausible estimate of what would be needed to avoid another monetarist vicious circle in the style of 1979-81 and 1990-92. I don't for a moment expect Mr Clarke to raise taxes in the Budget — especially since the monetary dogmatists at the Treasury are telling him that, even with a tough Budget, interest rates would still have to rise.

But to show what *could* be achieved with intellectual flexibility and proper political leadership, I will present next week a few of the economically sensible and politically feasible reforms that could easily raise the required £5 billion. It seems a small price to pay to avert another industrial decimation. How sad that it is too much for the Tories, the Treasury and Mr Clarke.

Eager Hans makes a grab for Telekom

Oliver August on how the Germans are starting to learn from wily old Sid

Sid learned about flotations years ago. Just sign the form and pocket a few hundred pounds. Now Hans is catching on. The Deutsche Telekom privatisation will create millions of new shareholders in Germany and could double the number of people who participate in the Frankfurt stock market.

Telekom's DM100 million advertising campaign has been inescapable. Ron Sommer, chief executive of Telekom, said: "We have succeeded with the marketing surrounding Telekom over the past weeks and months of stirring up real stock fever in Germany."

Yesterday was the last day for investors to register and the offer is reported to be more than six times oversubscribed. In the past few days overwhelmed bank clerks have been turning away customers, telling them wrongly that the share is "sold out".

Karl-Heinz Drimmer, manager of a savings bank in Bonn, said hundreds of first-time shareholders flooded his branch office to place their orders. One civil servant, undeterred by the bank's mandatory warning of the risks, put down DM300,000, ordering 10,000 shares.

> Share offer could double those playing the market

Herr Drimmer said: "We have had everything from grannies to high government officials. The one thing they have in common is the expectation of earning money."

Telekom will be making Europe's largest public offering, and in the process enticing millions of first-time investors to crack open their piggy banks and place orders.

Ordinary Germans have long viewed the stock exchange in Frankfurt with deep suspicion, seeing it as a casino rather than a safe place for savings. The middle class has frowned on capital markets in a hangover from the country's financial turmoil in the 1920s and 1940s when inflation and war wiped out the wealth of entire dynasties.

In the post-war years Germany became a nation where those with market-made fortunes were loathed rather than admired. No one who got rich on the market would ever brag about it — unlike the US or modern Britain. That may all be about to change.

Detlef Müller, an electrical engineer from Cologne, had never owned a share in his life and before Telekom began invading his living room each night with alluring television advertisements he never gave the idea a second thought.

Like millions of Germans who have so far always put their money in low-yield savings accounts, the 30-year-old thought the stock market was too treacherous for his young family's savings.

But Herr Müller has suddenly caught stock market fever. He drained his savings to put up nearly DM9,000 for 300 of the new Telekom shares he hopes to pick up later this month and expects to make a handsome profit quickly.

Herr Müller said: "I had never thought of owning shares before this. I always thought it was too risky. But all the ads got me curious. It looks like this is an easy way to make some money. I am still nervous about shares though and plan to take profits as soon as the price rises."

Shares begin trading in Germany and New York on November 18 and a day later in Tokyo. They are expected to get a price-tag of around DM30.

Only one in 16 Germans owns shares, giving the country one of the lowest shareholder levels of leading industrialised nations. Only some 5 per cent of private assets in Germany are invested in shares, compared with 17 per cent in Britain, 21 per cent in the US and 35 per cent in Sweden.

German firms may be among the most successful, exporting cars and industrial goods to the far corners of the world, but owning even a small stake in those multinational giants has so far been anathema to the average German.

Ronald Weichert, of Deutsche Bank in Frankfurt, said: "We hope that this offering will at long last spark interest in broad share ownership.

"Suddenly, owning shares has become a topic of conversation in Germany." Welcome to the stock market, Hans.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Presenting a plan for civil aviation in the UK 'in which everyone wins'

From Mr Gordon Glass

Sir, In his affirmation that British Airways's proposed alliance with American "will bring in many more airlines competing at Heathrow" Robert Ayling (Business Letters, November 7) continues to presume sufficient runway capacity at Heathrow for that to occur without BA giving up any slots.

It is my understanding that BA is now the only UK aviation voice which is assuming that capacity will exist. Certainly BAA's evidence to the Heathrow Terminal 5 inquiry points in the opposite direction. What has happened to BA's strategic planning?

Other industry observers are realising that the recent rapid growth at Heathrow and other airports is neither desirable nor sustainable in the face of the environmental consequences, the problems of congestion and the increasing risks of disaster in London and other cities. Yet BA's strategy appears to disregard these concerns.

The Commons Transport Select Committee this year questioned this presumption for growth and called for a more "coherent", sustainable and long-term UK airports policy. Because of the urgent need in the face of current government inaction, 2020* Vision has produced a new *Forward Plan for UK Civil Aviation*, in which everyone 'wins', for adoption by the next government.

Yours faithfully,
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Strategy for air services flying BA colours

From the Chief Executive of British Airways

Sir, I have no intention of turning British Airways into a "virtual airline" consisting of a brand name with everything else leased or bought in (Jon Ashworth, November 6). Nor is that the logical outcome of our business efficiency programme launched earlier this year.

It is equally untrue that there is a "stand-off" on this subject between management and staff. Our research shows that 88 per cent of staff accept the need for the business efficiency programme. This programme is designed to ensure that BA remains a successful competitor, able to sustain and improve its customer service standards — and sustain high numbers of employees well into the future.

Franchising, in particular, is primarily a strategy for extending the network of services flown in BA colours. Of the 136 currently franchised routes, 122 are new to British Airways.

The 14 routes transferred from our network are those where costs were too high or the yields were too low for them to be financially viable. A profitable franchised service is much better than one which is constantly at risk. Though we would always prefer to operate services in our own right, not least because this earns more revenue than a franchise arrangement. The franchising programme has created 600 British Airways jobs in areas such as ground handling and telephone sales not to mention the jobs in the franchise companies themselves. Much of the future growth in franchising revenue will come from overseas routes that British Airways cannot operate itself.

Our employees have a legitimate interest in the way the changes in the business efficiency programme will affect them and they want to be reassured (as I am committed to ensure) that the company will continue to provide high standards of customer service. We are addressing these points through consultation and communication and by making available generous voluntary redundancy packages and practical assistance with retraining and redeployment within the company.

British Airways is full of able and dedicated people, many of whom have weathered radical change programmes in the past. I owe it to them, as well as to our customers and shareholders, to ensure that the company faces up to its challenges and remains one of the best airlines in the world.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT AYLING,
Chief Executive,
British Airways Plc,
Speedbird House,
Heathrow Airport,
Hounslow.

Insurance 'lesson' from N Zealand

From Major J. L. Botterill (rtd)

Sir, I needed Peter Wood's letter (*The Times*, October 29) to stir me into action!

My daughter was knocked off her moped by a "roofer's" top load spilling from his untaxed, uninsured van without an MOT certificate. While he got a small fine, I paid for my daughter's time in hospital and she had to get another solicitor to go against her own solicitor, who had failed to claim in time on her behalf to the MI Bureau.

Years ago, in New Zealand, I found that buying a tax disc for my car gave me instant state third-party insurance so that I had time to pick and choose further cover privately.

At the moment I can not use my car because my insurance company issued me with a cover note for 30 days, on August 29, and, despite writing to them and phoning them, I have yet to receive the policy etc, despite my cheque of August 31.

Yours faithfully,
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Worcestershire.

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PowerGen shareholders can choose – if they wish – to have future dividends paid to them in PowerGen shares (known as "New Shares"), instead of by cheque. To do so, they have to complete and return a Scrip Dividend Mandate form.

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Shareholders who have already sent in a Scrip Dividend Mandate form will be paid the Interim Dividend in shares, and need do nothing more. Shareholders who would like to be paid in shares should phone PowerGen's Registrars on 0117 976 3005. The Registrars will supply the Terms and Conditions of the Scrip Dividend Plan and a Scrip Dividend Mandate form. They can also deal with any queries, and cancellations.

These are the important dates:

25 November 1996	PowerGen Shares begin to trade "ex dividend"
29 November 1996 5.00pm	The price of a New Share is available by phoning 0117 976 3005
3 December 1996	The last date for Mandate forms or cancellations to be received by the Registrars
3 December 1996	Shareholders on the register at close of business qualify for the 1996/97 Interim Dividend
19 December 1996	Dividend Cheques and Certificates for New Shares posted
20 December 1996	Interim Dividend paid. New Shares can be traded

POWERGEN

EMU fears shrugged off by Bank of Ireland

FROM EILEEN McCABE IN DUBLIN

THE adverse effects of economic and monetary union on the currency market revenues of financial institutions will be offset by the better opportunities for asset management that will be available in the larger, more liquid European pool, the Bank of Ireland Group said yesterday.

Pat Molloy, chief executive, said it was difficult to quantify the effects of EMU membership on the bank, particularly since it is still unclear whether sterling will be in or out.

"I think the consensus is that sterling will not join initially. But I think that EMU will be good for Ireland, and what's good for Ireland is good for a bank with its core business in the Republic," he said.

The Bank of Ireland, which is acquiring the UK's Bristol & West Building Society for £600 million, reported pre-tax profits little changed at Ir£193.1 million, compared with Ir£193.6 million, broadly in line with market expectations. Earnings slipped slightly to Ir25.2p a share from 25.7p.

The group incurred a $8 million one-off restructuring charge when it merged First Holdings, its US operation, with Royal Bank of Scotland's Citizens Financial Group, in which it now holds a 23.5 per cent stake.

Group earnings were also adversely affected by an 11 per cent fall in profits in the treasury division to Ir£36.9 million. Mr Molloy blamed the drop on a more difficult market environment and on lower loan loss recoveries in corporate banking.

On the retail side, BoI increased its volume of business in both lending and deposits. Total lending was ahead 11 per cent, with residential mortgages growing particularly strongly. The division recorded a 6.4 per cent increase in profits to Ir£104 million.

A 15 per cent increase in profits to Ir£42 million by other activities, such as life assurance and insurance, was secured by improved sales of its products.

Mr Molloy said that BoI was going through a period of change in its structure and outlook which he believed would leave it stronger in the future.

He said he hoped the acquisition of Bristol & West, which it announced in April, will be completed by the middle of next year. Bristol & West is the UK's ninth-largest building society.

The interim dividend is increased from Ir5p a share to Ir6.1p.

Biotech in drug deal in Japan

BY ERIC REGULY

BRITISH BIOTECH signed a $74 million licensing agreement yesterday that gives Marimastat, its oral anti-cancer drug, access to the Japanese market.

Tanabe Seiyaku, Japan's eighth largest drugs company, will fund Marimastat development in exchange for exclusive Japanese marketing rights. Tanabe has paid British Biotech $7 million and will give it another $67 million over the next few years.

Marimastat is undergoing final trials before it receives approval for sale in Europe and in North America, where it should reach the market in 1999. Japanese approvals are unlikely before 2003.

The deal marks one of British Biotech's first partnerships. In Europe and North America, its policy is to develop the drugs itself.

DES JENSEN

Good news: Charles Brims announced an increased payout in spite of a fall in profits

Newspaper group optimistic

BY CLARE STEWART

PORTSMOUTH & SUNDERLAND Newspapers, the regional newspaper publisher and printer and convenience store operator, suffered a 3 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £4.68 million in the half year to September 28.

In spite of the fall, Charles Brims, chief executive, said: "We are very pleased with these results. We are exactly in line with where we said we would be." Mr Brims said the company is investing about £50 million in expanding its activities in retailing and printing.

Group operating profits rose 4 per cent to £4.99 million. A 6 per cent growth in advertising revenues to £17.3 million from regional newspapers, such as *The News* in Portsmouth and the *Sunderland Echo*, helped to offset the impact in the first half of higher newsprint costs and losing the contract in 1995 to print *The Independent* in Portsmouth.

The company is increasing the interim dividend from 3.86p a share to 4.25p, payable from earnings of 27p a share, up from 25p last time. Yesterday's results saw the share price climb 5p to 730p.

Ricardo declines to explain dismissal of chief

BY MARTIN BARROW

CHRISTOPHER ROSS has been dismissed as chief executive of Ricardo Group, the automotive engineering and design company, it emerged yesterday.

Mr Ross, 52, had been removed from office "with immediate effect", the company said. He is believed to be in line for a payoff of between £400,000 and £450,000.

Mr Ross, who was appointed four years ago, was on a two-year contract, with an annual salary of £215,000, although his total package, including pension benefits, amounted to £325,000.

Ricardo declined to comment further on the reasons for his departure but indicated that it was not connected to the company's trading performance. The company's trading performance has been unchanged since the annual meeting on November 1, when Sir Philip Foreman, the chairman, told shareholders that he expected Ricardo to continue to make steady progress.

In September, the group reported a fall in pre-tax profits to £4.7 million, from £6.2 million, after disposal costs of £870,000. Turnover in the year to June 30 jumped from £85.9 million to £102 million.

At the time of the results, Mr Ross said that the group had taken action that would cut profits in the short term but leave the group in better shape for the future.

Ricardo had invested heavily, he said, spending £8 million mainly on improved test facilities and computers in Britain and in America. In addition, research and development spending had risen from £2.5 million to £3.2 million. Borrowings had climbed from £1.5 million to £6.7 million.

Ricardo shares were unchanged at 113½p yesterday.

Mr Ross is succeeded as chief executive by Rodney Westhead, who has been the group's finance director since 1992. John Baker, who is currently managing director of Ricardo Consulting Engineers, joins the board as an executive director.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Asian demand lifts Oxford Instruments

STRONG DEMAND from Japanese and East Asian markets helped Oxford Instruments, the manufacturer of body-scanning equipment for hospitals and superconductivity magnets, to register a record level of new orders in the first half, rising by nearly 10 per cent. First-half sales, though, showed a more modest growth, increasing by 2.3 per cent to £67 million, while pre-tax profits rose 5.5 per cent, to £9.5 million. The dividend is up 10.5 per cent, to 2.1p.

The profits rise failed to meet City expectations and Oxford shares fell 21½p to 470p. Oxford Magnet Technology, the joint venture company with Siemens that makes equipment for scanners, saw profits fall to £2.4 million, from £3.03 million. Peter Williams, chairman, said that continued political pressure on healthcare costs in markets such as America had affected demand for products. Overseas sales make up 87 per cent of turnover, with Japan the second largest market after America.

Hamleys boss sells stake

HOWARD DYER, chairman of Hamleys, the toys retailer, has sold about a fifth of his holding in the company for £1.36 million. He retains a 5.7 per cent stake. The sale, the first significant disposal Mr Dyer has made since Hamleys floated in 1994, was made to raise capital for a house purchase. Mr Dyer disposed of 317,000 shares at 428p per share on November 13. The shares dropped 10p to 424p yesterday.

Café Inns sales up

CAFÉ INNS, the pub company listed on the Alternative Investment Market, said yesterday that it had shrugged off decline in its sector with sales growth of 10 per cent in the six months to September 2. But compared with last year, which saw a gain of £170,000 from its now disposed of tenanted inns subsidiary, pre-tax profits stood at £283,000 against £331,000. Michael Norris, finance director, said that the company would add five more managed houses by the end of next year.

Action beats forecast

ACTION Computer Supplies Holdings, which achieved a stock market listing by reversing into Standard Platform Holdings in July, achieved pro-forma profits of £2.058 million after tax in the year to August 30, almost 6 per cent ahead of its own forecast at the time of the change. The company, which supplies information technology products by mail order, said that turnover rose nearly 32 per cent to £134.6 million. The company has net cash of £1.2 million.

Megalomedia buy plan

MEGALOMEDIA, the media and recruitment services company led by Lord Saatchi, is to continue to seek investments in complementary businesses. In August it acquired holdings in Webmedia, a Web site design company, and Netnames, an Internet name-registration service, to add to The Multimedia Corporation and Cybercafé. In the six months to September 30, pre-tax profits rose to £868,000, from £39,000. Earnings were 1.14p a share (0.48p). Again there is no dividend.

Lynx leaps ahead

LYNX HOLDINGS, the computer software and services company, achieved a strong rise in pre-tax profits, to £6.95 million from £2.56 million, in the year to September 30, helped by a contribution from Vistec Group, the computer services business acquired in October 1995. Earnings rose to 5.36p a share, from 4.7p. The total dividend is increased to 1.75p, from 1.55p, with a final dividend of 1.3p, due to be paid on February 3. Lynx said it continued to seek growth through acquisitions.

Radstone cuts losses

RADSTONE TECHNOLOGY, the manufacturer of digital electronic equipment, said yesterday that it expected to return to profit in the 1997-98 financial year. The company said a strong recovery in the order book to £16 million was beginning to translate into an improved operating performance. In the half-year to September 30, pre-tax losses were reduced to £1.41 million, from £2.63 million. Losses were 9.1p a share, reduced from 13.43p.

Paper drop hits Scapa

A WORLDWIDE downturn in paper production held back profits growth at Scapa, the paper printing supplier (Fraser Nelson writes).

David Dunn, Scapa's chief executive, said non-paper activities — almost 50 per cent of business — delivered a stronger performance, with operating profits up £3.3 million to £14.9 million. Overall pre-tax profit was 9 per cent ahead, at £30.2 million, for the six months to September 30, on sales up 7 per cent, at £265 million. Earnings were 8.6p per share (7.9p). An interim dividend of 1.92p (1.79p) is due on February 3. Analysts downgraded year-end forecasts from £72 million to £62 million.

Shanks is given boost by recovery at Rechem

BY KEITH RODGERS

SHANKS & McEWAN, the waste management group, achieved a 7.3 per cent rise in profits before tax to £11.6 million in the half year to September 28.

The figure, which was slightly above expectations, was aided by a turnround at Rechem, the incineration business, which reported a £600,000 operating profit against a £100,000 loss for the same period last year. Increased waste collection volumes and an improvement in the company's electricity generation business also offset an increase in landfill costs.

Hoare Govett, the company's broker, raised its full-year profit forecast from £20.7 million to £22.7 million, partly as a result of a contract to handle contaminated material from the millennium site at Greenwich. A bottleneck in the rendering industry created by the BSE cull has also allowed Shanks & McEwan to pick up a number of spot landfill disposal contracts for other animal carcases.

The company said it is too early to judge the impact of the landfill tax introduced on October 1, but said it will maintain a range of waste services including recycling facilities.

Earnings per share climbed 6.6 per cent to 3.9p. The interim dividend, payable on January 6, rises to 1.3p a share from 1.2p. The company has a net cash balance of £2 million, and Michael Averill, group chief executive, said it would continue to look for acquisitions after making five purchases so far this year.

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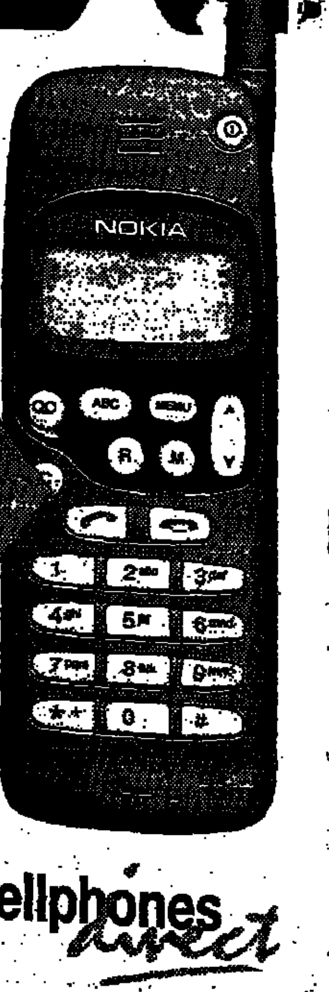

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
558	419	Allied Domecq	456	+ 8	6.7	13.3
625	477	Bulmer (JE)	534	+ 2	3.1	17.9
131	88½	Burn Stewart	98	..	6.2	73.3
775	615	Chivas Brothers A	760	..	2.0	19.5
496	411	Grand Met	483½	- 2½	4.1	19.7
480	430	Guinness	447	- 6½	4.3	12.8
370	319	Highland Dist	338½	..	4.7	13.4
800	227½	Matthew Clark	286	..	3.2	15.6
141	93	Morpeth W	110½	..	10.5	13.6
2612½	1481½	SA Breweries	1481½	- 16½	5.9	10.1

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3719½	2743½	ABN AMRO	3634½	+ 12½	3.5	13.5
663	528	Abbey Nat	650½	..	4.5	12.0
400	315	Allied Irish	382	- 5½	4.6	11.2
374½	285	Ass New 2	349½	- 2½	5.3	8.6
5784½	3842½	Bank Americas	5686½	- 81½	..	..
316	227½	Bank Scotland	276	- 2½	3.3	10.7
1012	881	Barclays	955½	- 1	3.7	10.4
528½	413	Bk of Ireland	509½	- 8½	4.1	11.4
482	379	Cater Allen	389½	..	9.7	11.5
5988½	4031½	Citicorp	5882½	..	..	..
392	307½	Close Bros	326½	..	3.8	13.2
1575	1319½	Commerzbk	1381½	- 9½	3.5	..
1350	1086½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1072½	- 3½	0.5	..
3412½	2769½	Dresdner Bk	2987½	+ 46½	2.5	..
800½	589½	Equity Santa	750	- 3½	4.4	10.8
1607	1084½	Fuji Bank Y	1102½	- 4½	0.4	..
472	280	Gerrard Natl	274½	- 1	10.5	11.2
257½	196	Hambros	244	- 1	3.9	20.5
1316	931	HBOS	1252	- 8	3.7	12.1
1284½	938	HSBC HK	1125½	- 9	3.8	11.9
477½	386	Irish Perm	477½	+ 2½	3.0	13.1
197	143	King Shaxson	183½	+ 1	6.1	15.9
465	405	Lloyds J	452	..	5.2	16.8
419½	294½	Lloyds TSB	388	+ 2	3.9	16.3
665½	555	Nat Aust Bk	654½	- 1½	5.2	6.9
739½	605½	Nat West	684	+ 5½	4.8	9.6
67	49½	Rbs Brothers	63½	..	2.0	24.9
536	464	Rbl Bk Scot	497	+ 5½	4.3	10.9
1465	1165	Schroders	1390	+ 12½	1.6	15.9
1205	980	Schroders NV	1177½	+ 2½	1.9	13.4
134	99½	Singer & Fried	127	..	4.2	9.3
729½	547	Standard Chart	640	- 10	2.3	12.7
115½	85½	Union	99½	..	3.8	10.8
8174½	6131½	Wells Fargo	8164½	..	1.9	..
352½	264	Westpac	332½	- 4½	4.0	10.8
380	258	Wintrust	320	..	4.9	16.0

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
90	35	Aldrin Sth HC	70	..	..	10.5
846½	702	Bass	792½	+ 11	3.8	16.5
70	48	Bet Ind the Bdrt	49½	- 1	1.6	12.1
305	161	Berkeley Hvrt	188	..	4.2	15.2
135½	92	City Center Rest	126½	..	2.1	25.2
521	463	Compass Gp	510½	+ 4½	3.6	13.1
286	190	Dibdgs P A C	241½	..	1.5	22.3
540	413	Fuller Sm A	452½	..	2.5	15.5
636	546	Greenalls Gp	597	- 2	3.1	16.1
671	567½	Grosvnr Hotels	653½	..	3.0	16.4
285	190	Grosvnr Inns	196	..	3.7	20.8
259	204	Groupe Chez Gerr	246½	..	1.4	..
367	297½	Hardy Hanson	343	..	4.3	11.0
34.75	27.25	Hist 1	27.25	- 32½	4.6	14.7
72	45	Inn Business	67½	..	1.0	31.9
355	258	Marchwd	299	..	2.5	14.6
530½	375	Mckay Thmp	293½	+ ½	3.1	12.0
973	536	Morland	567½	..	2.5	17.8
187½	118	Ely Kinds Tower	187	..	2.0	16.3
7½	4½	Paramount	6½	..	4.2	10.4
536½	217	Pizzaexpress	502½	+ 3	0.7	38.7
438	345	Rank Gms Gh	370	..	4.3	12.8
302	128½	Regent Inns	302	+ 15½	0.9	35.1
700	601	Scot & New	630	- 3	3.9	21.7
265	188	Tom Cobleigh	240	..	1.4	30.0
313	246	Vaux Group	298	..	5.2	12.8
1326	840	Wetherspoon (JD)	1220	+ 5	0.9	21.1
798	672	Whitbread	724½	- 1	3.9	14.6
693	578	Wolvrhmptn D	610	..	3.3	13.9
407	297	Yates Bros	381	..	1.2	25.3
650	425	Young 'A'	610	- 5	3.2	24.0

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
34½	15	AAF Inds	30	..	..	..
282	135	Abbey	190	..	3.8	19.5
235	212½	Allen	215½	- 1	3.1	18.0
121	87½	Ameci	98	- ½	3.8	18.5
370	117	Amey	265½	- 2	2.7	25.5
495	330	Ashtead Select	457½	..	1.4	9.9
245	152	Ashtead	228½	..	1.7	20.9
38	26	Avonside	31	+ ½	4.0	..
362	307½	Bailey (Bert) Con	29	..	4.5	11.7
56	34	Barcon	50½	..	1.7	..
281	218	Bardt (Geo)	232½	- ½	4.4	13.0
213	166	Bestar Homes	171	- 2	4.4	14.6
348½	248	Bellway	332½	- 3½	3.1	16.4
21	14½	Bellworth	19½	..	..	..
648½	483	Berkeley Gp	641½	- 7	1.7	18.5
173	133	Bett Bros	162½	- 1	4.2	6.9
350	175	Bost (Henry)	230	..	4.2	9.6
133	79½	Brandon Hotel	80	..	3.8	11.1
30	19	Britannia Gp	27½	..	7.3	..
64	31	Br Bldg & Eng	42½	..	..	..
140	104	Bryant	138	..	4.6	23.3
108	68	CALA	101½	..	4.2	15.1
8	5½	Campbell & Ara	6	..	..	..
63½	37	Clarke T	58½	- 3	9.5	..
103	39	Costain	46	..	..	..
87	51	Countryside	65	- ½	5.4	..
85	54½	Crest Nicholson	67½	- ½	3.7	17.9
88	65½	Cussins	67½	- 3	7.2	10.9
320	118	Eve Group	130	..	1.0	..
23	15	Galliford	19	..	6.6	24.5
907½	733	Gleeson (MJ)	895	..	2.3	..
61	35½	Green (Edward)	37½	..	3.3	..
379	265	Hanover (Lord)	352½	..	1.6	22.1
163	119	Hawdon (Stuart)	144	..	2.6	16.9
102	74½	Higgs & Hill	75	..	4.2	..
22	15	Howard Hldgs	18	..	5.6	16.5
139½	22	Jarvis	131	- 3½	..	60.3
188	128	Kelles	183½	+ 3½	3.0	15.2
323	244½	Lilley (JR)	261	..	..	42
117	97	Long 6.4% Cv Pf	106½	..	..	7.6
21	9½	Lovell (Y)	21	..	..	..
218	177½	Lilleyder (JR)	178½	..	4.0	14.8
197	128	McAlpine (Alf)	137	..	6.4	..
181	66	McCarthy & S	96½	..	3.3	13.0
192½	81	Morgan Sindall	183½	- 4	2.2	18.1
234½	122	Morrison Const	233½	- 1	2.3	17.8
106	58½	Mowlem (JM)	105	+ 1	3.6	16.8
242	173	Persimmon	272	- ½	5.6	25.5
158	85	Pochin	130	- 2	2.4	13.5
145	91	Prowting	114	..	4.2	37.2
20	12½	Ruare Ind	14½	..	3.9	27.7
152	113	Redrow	143	..	2.9	16.9
66	45	Square Mile	49½	..	2.5	26.0
330	258	Stevell Hldgs 2	274	- 1	3.7	11.0
92	65	Stokes	65½	- ½	8.0	8.7
378	343	Symons	347½	..	1.1	20.2
159	108½	Tay Homes	118	- 1	7.7	49.8
152	115	Taylor Woodrow	156	- ½	3.3	16.9
508	402	Tilery Roads	501	..	5.5	15.1

DISTRIBUTORS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
121	87½	Bk Ldr Ind	[illegible]	..	..	..
148	109½	Alexon Gp Hldgs	[illegible]	..	..	..
463	397½	Argos & Homes	[illegible]	..	..	..
18	10½	Appleyard	[illegible]	..	..	..
113	73	Arg Hi Eng	[illegible]	..	..	..
630	565	BTR Dist	[illegible]	..	..	..
38	19	Bond	[illegible]	..	..	..
52	38	Bowring Invest	[illegible]	..	..	..
46	33	Bright A	[illegible]	..	..	..

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
685	426	Bunzl	656	..	2.8	18.8
35½	18	Bridgend Gp	30	..	3.3	..
113	76	Brit Polythene	92½	..	5.1	10.6
280	245	Caffyns	265	..	6.0	22.6
160	105	Cavendish	125½	..	3.4	6.1
107½	76	Charles Sainsy	81½	- 1	5.8	11.5
79	54½	Cook (DC)	58	..	4.4	7.2
175	94½	Dog Makers	96	..	10.0	6.8
163	125½	Dennison B	142½	..	2.3	14.7
434	320	Diploma	352½	- 1	4.7	13.4
429½	328	Dwyka-Lonrgnds	426	+ 1	2.1	25.7
314	128½	Eastdis Elec	147½	+ 4	4.1	14.3
134½	55	Eurocutter	119	- 1	4.3	17.8
805	76	Evergreen Mr	84½	..	7.7	9.5
375	235	Exotic Rubber	337½	..	8.7	9.3
67	40	Fitz Indmar	49½	..	5.3	7.4
338	248	Fenner Gp	313½	...	2.6	10.0
33½	16½	Gardner	32½	..	3.3	13.3
81	33½	Glanchemm	65½	- 1	2.0	10.4
97½	70½	Gomango	81½	..	4.3	13.8
101	72½	Hadnet	79½	..	9.4	7.8
282	216	Harris (Philip)	252½	..	4.1	19.0
295½	200½	Headlam	280½	+ ½	2.3	23.2
200	132	Holdens Tech	177½	..	4.3	16.2
335½	153	ICA Ind	200½	+ 15	19.0	4.7
316	231	Jacksonl	258½	- 1	3.8	23.0
78	33	Jacks (Grp)	59½	..	4.2	20.5
230	169	Jwh-Fe	227½	..	2.9	18.1
350	256	Lex Service	360	..	5.3	11.6
155	114	Lookers	114½	..	8.7	6.7
17	10½	Malaya Grp	11½	..	7.2	12.4
7½	6	Maclaurin	6½	..	1.5	9.9
47	31	McKinlay	47½	- ½	0.7	..
565	440	Nichols	456½	- 1	2.0	13.7
349	230	Northumbria	315½ + 11		0.8	11.7
162	108	PCTS	125	..	7.7	11.7
331	201½	Pascoe	320½ +	½	2.8	15.3
342½	272	Pendragon	342½	..	3.4	16.6
211	145	Perry Gpt	188½ +	½	5.5	9.6
715	602	Premier Farnell	697½ +	1½	2.0	27.0
190	135	Pentic Group	150½ -	1	5.4	11.3
315	185	REA	275 +	27½	1.6	20.0
3	2	Reece	2½	..	..	..
54	31½	Remson	52½ +	1	8.3	7.7
4½	2	Rieco Gp	3	..	..	..
56	46½	SEP Ind	51½	..	4.0	11.7
195	69	Saffire	72½	..	1.7	23.5
417½	246	Time Products	366½	..	3.6	14.8
301½	125	UMECO	285	..	2.1	20.3
320½	263½	Vitec (Reg)	285½	-	2.8	13.5
463	32½	WF Bard	455	..	3.5	19.4
59	29½	Walcher	34½	- ½	3.1	10.2
149½	75½	Wyko	130	..	2.2	18.4
146	104	Yeoney (H)	133½	..	3.7	12.3

ELECTRICITY

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
125½	89	Br Energy PIP	122½ -	½	7.8	..
737	479	East Midlands	627½ +	5	6.3	10.4
873	565	London Elect	665½ -	3	7.9	8.5
308	164½	Midland Elec	185 -	1	6.9	7.6
611	372½	Midland Power	435 +	1½	6.6	8.2
724	494	Northern Elec	601 +	7½	3.3	7.1
355	308	Nthn Ireland	354½ -	3	6.7	8.0
625	492	Powergen	554 +	3½	5.1	6.3
374	271½	Hydro-Elect	368 -	3	6.8	7.4
394½	293½	Scottish Power	310½ +	2½	6.3	9.6
910	687	Southern Elec	678 +	3	6.9	7.9
910	650	Yorkshire Elec	728½ -	2½	6.7	8.9

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
562	491½	Acal	494	..	2.1	16.4
311	185	Acorn Comp	213½ +	11	..	..
342	160½	Admiral	342 +	22	0.7	34.9
168½	134	Aerohoist	167½ +	8	..	..
59½	33	Aeter	49	..	2.3	12.0
184½	110	Aztec	146½ +	½	1.4	18.3
762	488	Acln	740	..	0.6	24.4
353	270	BICC	284½ -	1	5.5	..
222	175	Bacon Hunter	203	..	7.1	8.4
556	360	Bibb	365 +	2½	4.6	10.1
476	383	Boothroyd	451½ -	2	2.7	18.9
24½	12	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	12½ +	½	4.6	5.0
133	99½	Chil. Micro	104½ -	2	1.3	16.3
39	24	Chemec Hldgs	29½ -	½	5.9	9.8
36	23½	Chloride	32½	..	1.7	19.0
82	66	Clarkslite	70	..	6.2	7.7
50	25½	Anglr Gp	35	- ½	..	..
520	381	Crickstar	501 +	1	1.6	24.8
640	480	Dialta Bs Sys	640 -	10	0.5	32.0
464	323	Dialtel	375	..	5.3	33.8
450	340	Domino	345 -	2½	3.8	44.9
85	64	Dowding Mills	87½ +	½	4.5	12.5
370	154	DTech	336 +	1	0.6	35.9
3843½	2616½	Electrolux 'B'	3459½ -	18½	3.3	10.2
38½	27½	Emess	27½	..	0.9	26.7
1831½	1125	Ericsson 'B'	1808½ +	21½	0.8	32.1
642	525	Eurocomp	640 +	½	4.7	11.4
645	515	Eurotherm	569 -	1	1.8	22.0
697½	533	Farey Gouph	658	..	1.6	21.0
1837	1711½	Filtronic Comm	204 -	1	0.8	36.1
293½	165	Fortress Ind	282½ +	12½	0.0	53.7
100	35½	Fortwell Tech	42	..	6.2	8.4
402	341	GEC	361½ -	½	4.3	16.4
137	112	Gresham	133½	..	6.2	23.8
142½	92½	Ind Control	137½	..	3.4	17.1
38½	24	Intech	36	..	4.3	16.5
131	94	Kode	113½	..	1.9	10.6
57	34	LPA Ind	42	..	5.5	9.2
315	250	MTL Ind D	305 +	1½	2.0	19.2
398	245	Marconi Sec	283½	..	2.5	17.8
72	53	Maintecnt	31½	..	5.5	10.4
472	340	Marl	435	..	..	..
90½	36	Neotronics	90½ +	½	..	..
563	305	Oxford Ins	470 -	21½	1.8	16.6
2365½	172	Pace Micro	321 +	2	1.4	36.3
180	95	Peak Imaging	95	..	4.8	..
131	97	Perkt	105	..	4.0	15.2
2016½	1853½	Philips Lmp ns	2016½ -	16½	2.8	27
259	141	Plasmec	171	..	3.8	96
207½	164	Plessey	207½ +	4	..	32.2
212½	146	Prestcit	212½ +	2½	2.3	18.9
48½	32	Pretlock	41½	- ½	..	13.2
470	338½	Proc	441½ +	4½	0.5	38.1
342	249	Racal Elec	288 -	3½	2.9	17.2
103	79	Radamec	99½	..	3.3	18.9
560	330	Renishaw	470	..	2.3	17.9
6	1½	Resistor	3½	..	..	..
316	123	Racoms	135½ -	1	5.7	7.0
382	312	Scanmec	327½	..	2.6	20.0
53	42	Sheremmes	51½	..	2.0	18.4
53	42	Sonicblock	50	..	3.8	..
160	38	Spectrum	160	..	..	..
573½	334½	TTK	573½ +	6½	0.6	..
166	94	Tal	157½	..	3.5	12.8
112½	92	Tech Ind	112½	..	5.3	10.8
79	55½	Tadpole Tech	59½	..	..	..
42	31	Temprite	39	..	3.1	12.1
130	90	Tesco	110	..	4.0	10.8
149½	75½	Wyko	130	..	2.2	18.4
146	104	Yeoney (H)	133½	..	3.7	12.3

ENGINEERING

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

INSURANCE

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

BUILDING MATERIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

CHEMICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
259	200	Cantamatic	222½ -	2	4.9	12.9
18	4	Dunbar Gp	10	..	31	..
65	52	Hallmt Mdsl	65	..	..	..
60	50½	Hansons	54½	..	1.1	13.3
83	52½	Hazlwd	58½	..	8.0	10.8
324	231	Hewitt	277½ -	5	2.7	12.2
36	8½	Richards Group	8½	..	..	..
89	71½	Robertson Wmt	82½	..	5.5	9.4
270	187	Ruffles Hayecrft	245½ -	1½	2.5	24.5
277½	171	Rutark	258	..	2.5	22.2
200	169	Tulloch	203	..	3.7	15.0
1584½	1187½	SHP 'B'	1359½ -	3½	3.6	7.9
125	85½	Tastes (E C)	125	..	4.7	10.8
343	313	Barr (AG)	323½ -	1½	3.2	25.4
36	21	Brewers Crsp	33	+ ½	0.9	8.4
411½	340	Bunzl	389½ -	2	7.5	15.7
39	30	Bushnell	35	..	6.4	32.2
507	222½	CPL Aromas	226½ +	1½	2.6	12.3
587	468½	Cadbury-Schwpp	549½	..	4.0	17.8
93	65	Canadian Pizza	89½	..	7.5	11.8
248	208	Carr's Milling	324 +	3	4.2	..
112	65	Cavaghan	74½ -	2	7.0	..
302½	171	Chapelwick	300½	..	5.7	12.8
205½	182½	Dairy Crest Group	203½ -	½	5.6	10.0
444	297½	Dalgety	341 -	1	8.3	13.9
44½	30½	Daniels St	42½	..	0.6	..
272	215	Dean	255 -	8½	3.8	25.1
98	81	Foley (James)	88 +	½	5.6	15.0
279½	195	Ferd	247½	..	4.2	..
20	16	Global	17	..	4.5	11.3
364	278	Greencore	359	..	2.3	15.1
214	87½	Hazlewood Fds	94½ +	½	8.3	7.0
197	163½	Hillsdown	171 -	4	6.0	12.1
68½	53	JJ Group	62½	..	9.9	29.1
410	318	Lodge Pack	354	..	5.3	12.5
139½	95	Matthews (B)	134½ +	½	3.7	10.9
231	197½	Nichols (V)	200	..	4.3	12.6
211	171	Nthn Foods	194½ -	3½	5.8	12.4
15	10½	Hampton Fd	13½	..	1.4	7.1
118	60	Pecorn's	61½	..	..	..
11	2½	Pengelly (BN)	3½	..	..	..
86	67½	Premier Foods	77 -	3	7.3	11.0
67	46½	Plant & Gas	47	..	5.4	..
263	96	Sealy Fdns	157½ -	7½	2.7	10.7
42	18	Sims Food	20½ -	½	..	..
498	449	Tate & Lyle	451½ -	6	4.4	9.6
398	195	Tindl	195 -	2½	3.7	8.3
462	392	Unigate	430½ -	6	5.6	11.8
1411	1172½	Unilever	1351½ -	13	3.0	17.2
9102½	8575	Unilever (NV)	9028½ -	53½	2.5	17.5
274	198	Uk Biscuits	202 -	1½	6.1	43.4
34	24½	WT Foods	26½	..	6.5	17.7
92	20½	Yorkshire Food	23	..	..	21.1

HEALTHCARE

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1071	818	Amersham	1047½	+10	2.3	17.2
83	19½	Anagen	36½	..	..	..
165	130	Acsis Nomg	145	..	2.8	12.6
475	316	Bespak	473½	..	2.9	7.5
595	304	Biotrans Intl	579	- 11	..	..
126½	74	Care UK	119	..	0.9	20.4
139	99	Celsis	103	+ 1	..	..
302½	243	Community Hlt	301	..	3.8	15.1
31	24½	Cresthill	29½	..	4.4	14.5
324½	71	Enterprised	25	..	..	..
115	68	Fovars Group	104½	- ½	2.9	15.3
111	81	Goldborough	145	..	3.5	12.1
318	204½	Hunsgh Tec	232½	- 12½	1.3	22.0
78	55	Kalmar Gp	67½	..	6.7	15.7
355	253	Lasmo	356	..	2.0	17.6
120½	69	Life Sciences	89½	..	6.1	10.5
169	109	Lon Int	153½	..	1.6	26.7
120½	78	Mar BNA	120½ +	2	3.4	16.7
14	3½	Premier Health	4½	..	..	..
347	277	Quality Care	302	..	2.1	11.0
290	194	Schell	286½	..	3.1	..
527½	395	Salon Health	445½	..	2.3	19.5
174	108	Shield Diag	129½	..	..	..
217½	178	Smith & Nephew	184½ +	1½	3.9	17.8
47	37	Stern Micro	40	..	0.0	0.3
180	123½	TE Group	146	..	2.3	11.4
3½	2	Tomorrow	2½	..	3.4	13.5
369	227	UniChemist	345	- 1	4.5	12.5
337	275½	West Hldgs	279	..	2.7	11.9

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
256	192	Ainsworth	237½	..	2.8	17.1
208	233	Alno	269½	..	2.8	15.8
189½	55	Ashwright	125	..	1.6	18.9
140	85	BLP Group	130	..	3.6	11.2
90½	40	Bilston Bitcast	77	..	..	19.2
64	37	Black Arrow	66	..	6.4	9.6
207½	29½	Blue (Peter)	109½	..	0.9	10.3
119½	32½	Burnell Pkg Gp	179½	..	0.5	..
125	45	Caughtin Hl	65	..	6.2	11.1
136	97	Durham	119½	..	6.8	..
221	176	Evans Goods	206½	..	1.6	27.6
136	87	Gomme Bldgs	125	..	2.0	16.1
26½	14	Lilset	25½	..	3.9	9.1
196	130	Gerard	166½	..	3.8	11.9
206	170½	HBP Ind	200	..	2.4	12.7
35	24½	Jeeves (T)	29½	..	6.5	14.6
274	158	Kenwood App	248½	..	5.8	10.7
97	8½	Lonrho	9½	..	..	..
176	121	McBride	150	- 1	5.6	16.5
297	214½	Mitchells & Lute	279	..	4.2	11.0
396	302	Osborne & Lute	375	+10	1.2	20.5
465	441	Paterson Zoch	447	+ 1	4.5	..
397	310	Paterson Zch A	387½	..	5.2	..
326	183	Pentech	326	..	2.6	15.8
192	173	Price & Mc	190	..	2.1	..
738½	617	Reckitt Colmn	723	- 2½	3.8	14.0
248	172	Vitpro	216½	..	3.1	16.5
352	241	Ward Dodson	349	..	3.7	10.2
140½	175	Silentnight	250	..	3.7	16.2
25	16

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
01895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	227.60	240.60†	-1.10	0.14
Grofund Equity	281.00	298.70	-1.40	1.63
Grofund Euro	266.60	282.10	-1.00	0.58
Grofund Extl Bal	131.50	136.30		2.58
Grofund Gilt	75.81	78.32	-0.16	6.28
Grofund Japan	154.10	163.10†	-1.30	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01200 553 231				
General Acc	668.00	710.70	-2.00	2.50
General Inc	557.60	593.20	-1.70	2.50
UK Growth Acc	458.90	488.20†	-0.90	2.68
UK Growth Inc	296.90	315.90†	-0.70	2.68
Higher Inc Acc	807.00	858.60†	+0.30	4.10
Higher Inc Inc	429.80	457.30†	+0.10	4.10
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	211.70	223.50	-0.40	5.45
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	92.67	97.88	-0.17	5.45
Nth America	364.20	387.50†	-1.20	
Europe	356.00	378.80	-2.00	0.46
Brit Excell	90.55	96.33†	-0.30	2.83
Brit Fxdints Acc	115.90	123.30		4.59
Brit Fxdints Inc	77.50	82.45		4.59
Global Opps	100.20	106.60†	-0.60	..
Balanced Acc	62.94	66.96†	-0.19	2.58
Balanced Inc	58.71	62.46†	-0.17	2.58
Japan Acc	41.19	44.30†	-0.50	
Pac Basin Acc	391.50	416.50†	+0.30	0.85
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
Gilts & Fixed Int	131.90	140.00	-0.40	6.57
High Inc Equity	182.50	195.20†	+0.10	4.42
Worldwide Bond	272.70	289.20†	-2.20	5.09
American Growth	382.30	408.90	-1.40	0.31
Asian Pacific	319.10	341.30	-0.10	0.09
Assets & Earnings	302.00	323.00†	-0.10	2.86
Euro Capital Acc	185.50	198.40	-1.10	0.80
Extra Inc	42.99	45.73†	-0.04	7.84
General	279.60	297.40	-0.20	2.95
Global Opps	68.29	72.65	-0.31	0.65
Japan	106.20	113.60	-1.10	
Managed Inc	47.82	50.87†	-0.09	4.72
Mastertrust	168.20	177.80	-0.40	1.03
US Emerging Cos	204.90	218.00	-1.60	
Ethical	81.55	86.76	-0.21	2.60
International	134.00	142.60	-0.60	0.39
Dividend & Growth	68.31	72.67		4.22
Global Gwth & Sec	73.85	78.67	+0.04	2.36
Latin America	63.74	67.81	+0.06	
Capital Reserve	146.10	146.10		4.79
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2364.00	2456.00	-9.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	61.16	63.49†	-0.26	0.15
Emerging Mkts	68.75	72.65	-0.49	0.05
European	150.30	156.30	-1.10	
Exempt	1081.00	1137.00†	+3.00	1.64
Extra Income #	46.48	48.91	-0.10	6.65
Far East Emg Eco	125.80	132.00	-0.60	0.47
Fixed Interest #	25.15	26.16†	-0.02	9.08
Fund Inv Tst	153.10	160.60†	-0.20	9.56
Japan	162.70	169.10	-1.80	
Latin American	57.68	60.05	-0.08	0.81
Pacific	61.82	65.90	-0.55	0.30
Property Share	72.78	76.41	+0.13	2.30
UK Emerging Cos	69.51	75.13	+0.20	1.38
UK Growth	53.95	58.19†	-0.14	2.09
Aber World Port #	81.60	83.36	-0.25	3.47
Ethical	77.04	80.13	-0.21	2.20
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.63	50.68	-0.11	7.31
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5868				
Recall Property #	99.28	106.80	-0.10	5.31
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	91.82	97.47		2.26
Income Builder Inc	81.63	86.84	+0.01	4.17
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	285.40	305.00†	-0.60	3.05
Capital	501.20	535.70†	-1.90	1.17
Balanced	833.30	890.70	-1.30	2.34
Accumulator	1599.00	1709.00†	-2.00	1.83
Income Trusts				
American Income	61.45	65.54†	-0.47	2.44
High Income	457.20	488.70	-0.50	4.37
Equity Income	259.40	277.20	-0.50	4.01
High Yield	278.00	297.10†	-0.50	4.04
Govt Securities	34.17	36.07†	+0.13	8.05
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	215.40	229.70	-0.90	0.05
European Growth	52.92	56.40†	-0.25	0.07
International	184.20	196.80	-1.00	0.11
Japan	183.40	196.00	-1.10	
Pacific	400.00	427.50	-0.90	
Secs of America	589.30	627.60	-0.50	0.13
Wwide Asset Val	55.26	59.07	-0.27	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	640.50	684.60	-3.00	1.99
Conv & Gilt	50.96	54.47†	-0.10	3.69
Smaller Cos	204.90	219.00	+0.20	1.04
2nd Smaller Cos	194.30	207.70	+0.30	0.89
Recovery	169.30	180.90†		1.56
Met Min & Cdty	164.50	175.60†	-0.10	0.18
Osees Earnings	422.40	451.50	-1.80	1.07
Technology	220.70	235.70†	-1.60	
UK Special Sits	582.10	622.20	-1.30	1.01
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	118.10	122.60		3.04
Foundtn Persl Pens	70.38	73.12		1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	85.28	90.72	-0.34	1.18
International	68.50	72.87		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	344.20	367.30	-1.90	..
Bond	117.90	124.10†	-0.70	6.72
Brit Smlr Cos	118.50	126.10	-0.20	1.78
Conv & Gen #	68.97	73.37†	-0.25	5.33
Europe	278.20	295.00†	-2.30	0.60
Euro Smlr Cos	122.10	129.60†	-1.50	0.80
Income Gwth	361.80	384.90	-1.80	4.94
Japan	289.10	307.30†	-3.20	
Latin American	82.99	88.29	-0.06	0.79
Pacific	111.60	118.70	-0.40	1.00
UK Smlr Cos	58.22	61.94	-0.24	1.29
Japan Fd	595.90	613.30	-7.80	
Mngd Fd	201.10	213.40†	-0.80	2.80
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Overs	370.50	391.90	-0.90	0.90
Capital Gwth	129.00	136.40	+0.70	3.15
Wwide Opps	219.70	232.40	+0.10	0.94
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 522 4000				
Balanced Trusts				
Gwth & Inc Inc	428.10	457.50†	-0.30	2.44
European Bd Inc	98.19	101.60		6.45
Exempt	83.37	88.79†	-0.07	2.84
500	507.30	593.70	-0.40	2.36
General	326.50	349.40†		2.55
Property	247.50	265.60	...	5.09
Trustee	227.40	243.00	-0.40	2.32
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.50	100.50†		5.33
Distribution @#	112.70	113.30	-0.10	6.07
Extra Income #	136.30	145.80†	-0.30	4.83
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.79	60.65	-0.27	7.84
Income #	589.50	630.40	-0.80	4.62
Income Builder #	69.00	73.60	-0.05	5.35
Intl Income	70.76	75.28	-0.36	2.42
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	143.00	152.90	-0.10	1.96
FTSE 100	100.80	107.20	-0.20	2.63
Leisure	179.70	192.20	-0.10	0.76
Recovery	482.60	526.80	-0.70	2.70
Smlr Cos Inc	58.74	62.59	-0.13	2.35
Special Sits	400.80	429.10	-0.20	1.46
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	174.20	184.90†	-1.00	0.37
F East Gwth Acc	291.40	311.40	+0.80	1.38
Far East Gwth	174.20	186.20	+0.50	1.38
Euro Gwth Inc	191.40	203.00	-0.90	0.38
-do- Accum	208.20	220.80	-1.00	0.38
Japan	136.60	144.90	-1.40	
-do- Accum	138.40	146.50	-1.50	
Japan Spec Sits	64.14	67.95	-0.81	
Worldwide	195.70	207.80	-1.00	0.32
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	134.60	142.20	-0.60	
Amer Smllr Cos	153.50	164.80	-1.20	
Convertibles	80.23	84.40	-0.23	4.60
Eastern	293.40	315.30	-0.80	0.30
Equity Income #	98.37	105.40†	-0.10	4.20
European Growth	359.00	382.10	-3.20	0.80
Europe	357.50	381.30	-1.10	0.80
German Growth	86.36	91.57	-1.01	0.90
Global Bond	71.44	75.14	-0.49	6.20
Global Growth	142.80	151.50	-0.80	0.40
Japan Growth	182.00	193.30	-2.00	
Japan Smrcos	148.30	157.30	-1.80	
Korea Trust	53.46	57.95	-0.86	
Portfolio	143.30	153.30	-0.70	2.00
-do- Accum	271.60	290.60	-1.40	2.00
UK Growth	105.60	113.40	-0.30	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	98.05	105.10†	+0.40	1.90
Select Managers	88.02	94.46	-0.34	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	88.92	94.60		
Special Oppor Inc	58.64	62.38		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6030				
Balanced Growth	141.99	150.26†	-2.53	1.42
-do- Accum	165.29	174.91	-2.94	1.42
Smaller Cos	155.65	164.93†	-0.10	0.66
Higher Yield #	56.83	60.14†	+0.67	4.12
American Gth Inc	102.29	108.24	+0.20	
European Growth	164.58	173.94	-0.31	0.13
-do- Accum	167.69	177.44	-0.31	0.13
Global Bond Inc #	25.52	28.44	-0.35	8.38
Mngd Pfolio Inc	53.66	56.12†	-0.23	1.45
-do- Accum	55.06	58.24	-0.24	1.45
Intl Spec Opps	165.83	175.48	-1.26	
Pacific Gth	140.46	148.63	-0.66	0.04
UK General #	98.20	104.00	+0.96	2.95
-do- Accum #	105.14	111.35	+1.02	2.77
Japan	52.26	55.31	-0.60	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	101.16	104.83	-0.46	8.29
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	86.41	87.25	-0.12	6.46
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	189.60	199.50		1.82
UK Growth	211.20	222.30	-0.50	2.16
UK Income	147.00	154.70†	-0.30	4.51
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 180				
Can Gen Dist	233.50	247.50	-0.90	1.60
-do- Income Dist	125.50	133.00†	-0.20	3.76
-do- Accum	410.80	435.50	-0.50	3.76
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.78	42.86	-0.17	6.15
Growth Units	253.40	271.00	-0.70	2.00
Bond	176.50	185.70	-0.60	6.90
Intl Growth	242.00	257.20	-1.00	0.30
North American	260.70	278.90	-0.90	0.11
Far East	301.20	322.10	+0.70	0.71
UK Smaller Cos	222.90	238.40	+1.00	0.96
European	96.01	101.70	-0.80	0.54
Japanese Growth	42.98	45.59	-0.43	
High Income	218.90	234.10†	+0.10	4.21
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	218.20	231.60†	-1.50	
European Inc	93.34	98.98	-0.70	0.42
Smaller Cos (4-1)	109.80	116.68	+0.10	1.46
Growth	544.30	579.10	-2.40	2.60
Income & Growth #	459.20	487.50	+1.60	2.88
-do- Accum #	692.70	737.00	+2.50	3.88
Japan & Gen	60.78	64.49	-0.57	
Master Portfolio	£120.02	£125.03†	-40.00	1.80
-do- Accum	£148.39	£154.56	-50.00	1.80
Special Sits	126.40	134.50	-0.80	2.08
High Yield	£14.54	£14.99†	-8.00	4.40

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	101.72	108.42	-0.17	1.85
American Portfolio	123.87	131.63	-0.89	1.01
European Portfolio	135.46	144.06†	-0.64	0.63
High Income	51.54	51.68†	-0.16	7.55
Japanese Portfolio	63.02	66.79	-0.68	
Pacific Portfolio	155.04	166.72	-0.85	1.06
UK Equity	96.56	103.15†	-0.09	3.45
UK Equity & Bd	57.27	60.69	-0.16	6.28
UK Smlr Cos	51.59	55.18	+0.14	1.25
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	769.27	780.89	+2.41	4.28
Fxd Int Sec	157.27	157.91	+0.78	9.06
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	760.53	772.03	+0.90	4.38
Investment Acc	£35.86	£35.59	+4.19	
Fixed Int Inc	126.85	127.35	-0.03	9.11
Fixed Int Acc	231.04	231.96	-0.05	..
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	90.00	94.86†		3.96
Beck Bio-Tech	41.39	45.01	-0.86	
Acorn Ethical Tst	185.63	195.98		0.45
City Fin Assets	79.42	83.40†		2.31
City Fin Intl	88.83	93.28†	..	0.46
Fears Hse Cap	314.38	334.45		2.52
Buckley Wrld Grtp	135.80	143.95		
J Sld Inc/Gth Inc	56.67	59.51	+0.62	3.22
Stow Utilities	57.26	58.32†	+0.44	6.24
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	53.00	56.23	-0.13	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Growth	79.94	85.04	-0.56	
Dragon Growth	71.39	76.35	+0.01	0.36
Equity High Inc	89.05	95.44	+0.11	4.24
-do- Accum	128.89	138.14	+0.16	4.24
Extra Income Inc	26.50	27.90†	-0.10	7.54
Extra Income Acc	29.16	30.71	-0.10	7.54
European Gwth	63.04	66.69	-0.40	0.84
Evergrace	31.38	33.56	-0.05	0.01
General Equity	104.05	110.40	+0.03	2.92
Japan Growth	44.60	47.45	-0.52	
Pedigree Gwth	63.82	68.44	-0.09	2.40
Pacl Sm Cos Inc	37.57	40.40†	-0.06	1.41
-do- Accum	40.06	43.07	-0.08	1.41
Retirement Inc #	27.14	29.31	+0.04	6.08
Special Sits	46.16	49.63	-0.05	2.36
UK & Overseas	59.91	63.56	-0.14	0.57
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	68.46	72.35	+0.02	4.17
Capital	82.94	86.39	-0.07	2.65
High Income	51.35	53.48†	-0.22	6.79
Top 50	55.87	58.19	-0.12	2.63
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	192.99	201.03†	+0.19	4.57
Long Gilt	43.17	44.95†	-0.22	6.18
Monthly Inc Plus	49.84	51.92	-0.10	8.63
Preference Share	46.91	48.86†	-0.06	7.98
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	140.71	146.57†	+0.13	5.82
Managed Fund	76.06	79.23†	-0.21	2.74
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.59	55.82	+0.10	1.70
-do- Accum	63.35	65.99	+0.14	1.70
UK & General	97.16	101.21†	-0.29	2.92
-do- Accum	127.85	133.18†	-0.38	2.92
UK Growth	197.40	205.62	-1.02	1.37
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	208.60	217.29	-0.94	0.67
Far Eastern Grth	131.90	137.40	-0.38	0.02
Global Bond	77.18	80.40†	-0.54	6.17
Japan Growth	103.53	107.84	-1.12	
North Amer Gth	238.88	248.81	-1.95	
Oriental Growth	83.25	86.72	+0.05	0.27
Worldwide Growth	71.62	74.60	-0.47	
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.90	91.90†	+0.02	5.24
Homeowners Fund	89.94	95.68	-0.25	1.58
Gilfier Fund	154.57	164.44	-0.40	1.94
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	35.76	38.27	+0.03	4.34
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	179.40	190.90†	-0.80	2.92
Income	72.74	77.38	+0.02	4.99
European	74.53	79.29	-0.30	0.90
Recovery	186.70	198.60	+0.40	2.68
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1001.90	1016.00	..	3.45
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	112.50	119.60†	-0.20	1.15
Income #	284.60	302.70†	-0.70	4.63
-do- Accum #	759.80	808.20	-1.90	4.63
Smaller Cos	236.50	251.50	-0.10	0.86
-do- Accum	293.80	312.30	-0.10	0.86
Gth Portfolio	101.90	108.20	-0.60	1.31
High Inc Port #	83.14	88.44	-0.19	4.30
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1636.00	1676.60	-15.90	
Japan Small Cos	1088.30	1104.90	-9.80	0.01
UK Small Cos	2207.50	2239.50	-1.60	2.88
US Small Cos	2078.30	2149.10†	-14.60	0.67
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	230.50	242.70†		3.04
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	172.30	183.20	-0.90	1.76
UK High Inc Inc	177.10	188.30	-0.20	3.78
-do- Accum	242.70	258.10	-0.20	3.78
UK Pref & F I Inc	59.83	63.48	-0.25	5.83
Eurotrust Opps	98.89	105.20	-0.10	0.95
UK Smlr Cos #	69.90	74.36	+0.12	0.80
Extra Income Inc	49.57	52.78	-0.26	7.86
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	176.32	186.47	-1.00	0.43
Convertibles #	22.97	24.41	-0.03	5.74
Equity Income #	141.60	150.50	-0.50	3.99
Eurofund	62.71	66.44	-0.28	0.60
Financial	56.12	59.63	-0.16	1.51
Growth & Inc #	287.60	305.60	-1.10	2.86
High Dist #	176.60	187.80†	-0.70	4.53
International	428.50	455.30	-0.10	0.11
Int Cap Inc	101.80	108.70†	-0.60	2.46
Latin American	31.07	33.01	-0.03	
Pacific	80.75	85.80†	+0.28	
Pref High Inc	22.30	23.69	+0.02	7.60
Tokyo	206.10	218.10	-0.60	...
UK Smaller Cos	257.30	273.40	+0.30	1.10
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	329.50	348.20	-3.90	1.03
Jap Small Co	388.40	412.10	-6.20	
Nth Amer	431.00	456.50	-0.10	0.64
UK Inc & Gth	249.70	265.40†	-0.40	2.78
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Digs	115.61	123.65	+0.21	1.13
Growth Acc	255.93	273.05	-4.19	1.12
Income	610.84	653.31	-10.59	6.12
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	224.30	238.60†	+0.90	1.19
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	90.64	95.41	-0.12	1.86
Ethical Tst	47.05	49.53	+0.05	0.65
Far Eastern	294.41	309.90	-0.35	1.64
High Income	137.56	144.80†	-0.14	5.03
UK Index Trckng	50.95	53.63	-0.06	3.30
Intl Growth	138.26	145.54	-0.55	0.40
North American	146.65	154.37	-0.53	1.68
Pelican	140.57	147.97†	-0.20	3.22
Smaller Cos	72.82	76.65	-0.06	2.91
Special Sits	90.60	95.37	-0.34	2.76
1st of Inv Tsts	216.13	227.51	-0.32	1.26
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	231.52	246.30†	-0.40	2.40
Smaller Cos Acc	418.16	444.85†	-0.72	2.40
Recovery	58.24	61.96	-0.03	1.71
Recovery Acc	60.18	64.02	-0.02	1.71
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	92.47	99.15†	-0.86	
Fd of Inv Tsts	52.13	55.60		0.52
High Income #	39.11	41.91†	+0.03	10.98
Warrant	45.57	48.53	-0.11	
Zero Preference	44.84	47.58	-0.32	..
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	93.34	98.29†	-0.05	2.60
United Charities	313.49	333.30†	+0.200	2.09
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.40
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	27.24	28.77†	-0.21	5.47
Strategic Inc	26.92	28.14	-0.07	5.77
Income Funds				
High Income	25.57	27.88†	-0.04	5.53
Income Plus	131.50	139.90	-0.10	3.93
European Income	49.58	52.71	-0.26	2.58
UK Ov Gth	31.57	33.57	-0.05	2.21
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	60.06	64.07†	+0.10	
American	319.70	338.80†	-1.20	...
Amer Spec Sits	182.70	194.70	-1.49	
Japan Smaller Cos	30.46	32.43	-0.37	
European	227.80	242.30†	-1.10	0.56
European Opps	79.61	84.64	-0.58	0.02
Global Pfor	30.11	32.02	-0.18	0.35
UK Growth	123.60	131.50	-0.10	1.48
Growth & Inc	178.40	189.70	-0.40	2.45
Intl PEP	48.02	51.06	-0.20	1.07
Japan Spec Sits	81.25	86.37	-0.91	
Japan	163.60	173.40	-1.90	
Managed Intl	350.50	371.80	-2.40	0.50
Moneybuilder	66.03	70.21	-0.22	..
Recovery	62.69	66.66	+0.61	1.52
South E Asia	186.20	199.70	-0.90	0.97
Special Sits	715.20	760.50	-0.60	0.58
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	116.57	116.57	+0.02	5.40
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	147.90	150.40		1.59
Finsbury Prf Inc #	96.20	97.46	-0.20	6.06
Cap Ptolin	181.90	184.30	-0.70	1.87
General Opps	141.20	143.20†		4.21
Growth Inc	35.90	37.37†	-0.17	1.41
Private Portfolio	480.60	489.50	...	1.22
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 366 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smllr Cos	150.10	159.40	-1.20	0.25
Emrg Asian	129.90	140.90†	-0.70	
High Income	21.02	22.35†	-0.04	10.07
UK Income #	110.80	116.38†	-0.10	4.18
US Smaller Cos	411.80	449.70†	+0.80	..

For Foster & Braithwaite Intl Dollar

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6600 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	80.59	85.76	-0.90	
-do- Accum	80.59	85.76	-0.90	
Amer Smlr Cos	657.60	703.30	-8.20	
-do- Accum	671.80	718.50	-6.30	..
Capital Tst	401.80	427.40†	-0.30	1.50
-do- Accum	590.30	628.00†	-0.20	1.50
Cont'l Smlr Cos	59.49	63.38	-0.26	1.09
-do- Accum	63.29	67.44	-0.26	1.09
Convertible	144.40	153.60	...	5.10
-do- Accum	312.50	332.40	-6.20	5.10
Emerging Markets	62.29	66.55	-0.32	0.30
-do- Accum	62.50	66.77	-0.32	0.30
European	149.30	158.20	-0.90	0.50
-do- Accum	158.30	167.80	-1.10	0.50
Extra Income	390.70	415.60	-0.60	4.45
-do- Accum	622.10	661.80	-0.90	4.45
Financial	175.80	187.10†	-0.70	9.46
-do- Accum	186.90	198.80†	-0.80	0.46
Gilt Trust	60.16	65.12†	-0.08	6.79
-do- Accum	98.22	101.20†	-0.20	6.79
Health Fund Inc	241.00	257.50†	-2.10	
-do- Accum	241.00	257.50†	-2.10	
Income & Growth	231.80	246.40	-0.30	3.81
-do- Accum	366.90	390.30	-0.60	3.61
Intl Growth	424.70	452.20†	-3.20	...
-do- Accum	471.60	502.20†	-3.50	
Japan & Gen	155.60	165.30	-1.90	
-do- Accum	157.20	167.00	-1.80	..
Monthly Inc #	199.10	211.80†		4.38
-do- Accum #	199.80	212.50†		4.58
Managed Port Inc	120.90	127.30	-0.40	1.41
-do- Accum	131.30	138.20	-0.40	1.41
Quarterly Income #	56.84	60.99†	-0.05	5.28
-do- Accum #	65.89	70.69†	-0.06	5.28
Recovery	335.40	358.70	-1.20	
-do- Accum	396.00	423.50	-1.30	..
UK Growth	67.55	71.86	-0.21	2.76
-do- Accum	73.25	77.93	-0.23	2.76
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715635 Enq 01722 715634				
FP American	81.71	85.78†	-0.29	0.07
FP Am Smllr Cos	200.70	214.60†	-0.60	
FP Asian Growth	273.90	292.10		
FP Australian	407.32	434.42	+0.80	
FP Equity Dist	454.00	484.20†	-0.80	2.50
-do- Accum	£10.13	£10.80	-2.00	2.50
FP Euro Gth	287.50	306.60	-1.30	
-do- Accum	314.90	335.40	-1.40	
FP Intl Bond	57.98	61.35	-0.49	4.21
FP Intl Gth Dist	37.49	39.98†	-0.15	0.08
-do- Accum	55.06	58.73	-0.21	0.08
FP Pac Basin Acc	212.10	226.20†	-0.40	
FP Income #	58.78	62.69	-0.08	4.89
-do- Accum #	205.40	219.00	-0.30	4.89
FP Jap Smllr Cos	272.30	290.40	-3.10	
FP Monthly Dist #	75.02	80.02†	-0.14	4.89
FP Stlg Deposit	100.50	100.50†		5.30
FP Tokyo	75.49	80.52	-0.73	
FP UK Focus	42.06	44.86†	-0.02	2.12
FP UK Growth	198.90	212.10	-0.20	2.25
-do- Accum	400.90	427.60	-0.30	2.25
Stewardship Dist	431.60	460.30†	-0.30	1.38
-do- Accum	545.40	581.70	-0.40	1.38
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	79.27	84.56†	-0.04	4.77
-do- Accum #	110.00	117.30	-0.10	4.77
N Am Stshp Dist	123.40	131.60	-0.80	0.28
-do- Accum	132.60	141.40	-0.80	0.28
FP Everest Trust				
Inst Ethical In #	100.50	101.00		3.50
Inst Ethical Ac #	100.50	101.00		3.50
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	128.70	134.70†		1.82
Opnn Cap Gth Acc	129.20	137.40†	-0.10	0.22
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	117.80	125.30	-0.10	3.32
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	124.90	132.80	-0.10	3.32
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	120.80	128.50		4.04
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	129.00	137.20	-0.10	4.04
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	290.90	308.70†	+0.20	1.94
Cash	49.33	50.07†	+0.01	4.83
Growth Portfolio	87.47	93.05	-0.72	0.56
Income Portfolio	69.80	73.85†	-0.54	3.33
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	221.40	236.80	-1.70	0.32
Dividend	98.46	105.30	-0.30	4.59
Int Gth & Inc	250.20	267.60	-1.90	2.60
UK & Gen	50.24	53.73	+0.10	1.54
Fund of Funds	73.97	79.11†	+0.14	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smlr Cos	233.00	249.20	-3.50	0.13
European Gth	727.70	775.00	-2.40	0.62
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	53.86	57.02	-0.18	5.29
-do- Accum	61.15	64.73	-0.20	5.29
Far East & Gen	264.50	282.90	-1.10	
German Growth	142.90	151.60	+0.50	
High Yield #	48.30	52.15	-0.20	8.03
-do- Accum #	55.21	58.40	-0.22	8.00
Income Inc	197.40	211.20	-0.50	4.07
-do- Accum	225.70	241.40	-0.60	4.07
Intl Growth	381.50	406.80	-1.00	0.30
Intl Income	94.66	100.30	-0.50	2.96
Japan Growth	422.10	448.10	-2.20	
Korean Securities	43.45	46.47	-0.68	
Orient Acc	193.70	207.10		0.14
UK General Inc	198.70	212.60	-0.40	1.55
UK General Acc	355.10	379.80	-0.60	1.55
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	80.30	84.50	+0.14	1.80
UK Spec Sits	104.60	111.90†	+0.10	1.47
US Growth	186.80	198.40	-1.20	
Wwide Spec Sits	163.90	174.10	-0.50	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Digs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	60.52	64.64	-0.06	1.78
Cash Trust	147.00	147.00†	+0.01	5.40
Practical Inv Inc #	122.79	131.33	-0.18	3.68
-do- Accum #	297.10	317.75	-0.45	3.66
UK Index	178.83	179.53	-0.35	3.32
UK Smaller Cos	207.00	221.38†	+1.82	0.12
Income Funds				
Euro Yield	24.19	25.07†	-0.36	7.54
High Income	34.12	36.40†	-0.04	4.97
UK Equity Income	158.52	169.82	+0.43	3.22
Global Bond	28.84	29.89	-0.18	4.85
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	44.84	47.96	-0.29	
Global Managed	147.81	157.06†	-0.98	1.28
Gold & Intl Res	107.80	115.29	+1.26	
Global Utilities	143.83	153.31	-0.49	1.39
Overseas Funds				
American	200.48	212.86	-1.25	0.70
European	136.08	144.19	-1.21	0.67
Euro Sel Opps	205.84	219.30	-2.08	
Amer Emerging	174.89	187.18	-2.26	
Hong Kong	172.56	184.37	-0.16	1.41
Japan	217.49	230.85	-2.42	
Pacific Growth	280.36	296.85	-0.81	
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	259.87	259.87†	+3.07	1.92
Long Term Bal	278.23	278.23†	-0.95	2.87
Med Term Bal	329.23	329.23†	-0.76	2.95
UK Equity	306.23	306.23†	-0.65	2.40
UK Emerging Cos	180.77	180.77	+0.01	1.95
American	330.25	330.25	-1.10	0.74
Japan	121.17	121.17	-1.05	
European	352.05	352.05	-2.81	0.89
Index Linked Gilt	187.22	187.22	-0.73	2.68
Fixed Interest	176.61	176.61†	-0.67	6.18
Amer Emerging	388.54	388.54	-4.57	
Pacific	230.26	230.26	-0.48	0.82
Emerging Mkts	116.80	116.80†	-0.74	0.46
Index Strat Japan	135.00	135.00	-1.19	0.19
-do- Pacific Rim	205.57	205.57	-0.28	1.13
-do- Cont Europe	187.27	187.27	-0.90	1.76
Index Strat USA	191.37	191.37	-0.95	1.58
Gartmore Pacesetter Pension Fund Funds				
Managed Equity	122.58	130.40	-0.39	
Med Term Bal	109.35	116.33	-0.39	
Long Term Bal	125.28	133.27	-0.45	
UK Equity	143.16	152.29	-0.42	
UK Emerging Cos	84.96	90.38	+0.01	
American	153.05	162.82	-0.54	
Japan	57.93	61.62	-0.54	
European	146.30	155.63	-1.24	
Fixed Interest	90.92	96.72	-0.23	
Index Linked Gilt	83.37	88.69	-0.35	
Deposit	88.12	93.74	+0.01	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	157.26	165.54	-0.04	0.51
Brcliff Gth Port Inc	72.19	78.19	-0.04	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	63.19	66.69†	+0.01	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	59.98	63.30	-0.12	0.10
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	616.74	656.11	-5.05	0.76
-do- Accum	696.48	740.95	-5.70	0.76
European Inc	179.48	190.63	-0.56	1.14
Amalgam Inc	155.96	165.33		
N America Inc	410.24	436.43	+0.22	
Far East Inc	355.90	378.19	+2.75	
-do- Accum	362.34	391.96	+2.85	
UK Qwld Inc	209.12	222.47	+0.16	1.82
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing 0171 407 7866				
UK Equity Inc #	101.09	108.11†	+0.02	4.09
UK Small Cos	67.30	71.97†	-1.07	0.62
British Growth	69.83	73.61	-0.26	2.56
American Gwth	264.94	283.35	-0.84	
Japan Gwth	57.88	61.90	-0.46	
Greater China	199.62	213.49	-0.96	
Pacific Strategy	155.52	166.32	-1.91	
European Gwth	116.96	125.08†	-0.56	
Intl Growth	163.53	174.89	-0.66	
US Index (D)	17.8806	18.9456	-0.0997	2.75
FTSE 250 Ind	90.77	97.07	-0.68	2.12
Monthly Income	40.53	43.28†	-0.08	8.65
Index & Bear Funds Dealing 071 865 0033				
Grtl UK Index (D)	14.6621	15.6900	-0.0637	4.75
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	115.62	123.00	-1.58	1.52
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9668				
European	577.70	617.10	-2.60	0.30
Gilt & Fixed	129.70	137.50	-0.60	5.71
Growth Equity	434.60	464.30	-0.80	1.30
Income Trust	152.70	163.00		4.20
International	206.30	220.30	-1.10	0.04
Japan Trust	118.30	118.40	-1.30	
Nth American	360.50	385.10†	-0.80	
Pacific	579.60	619.20†	+0.90	0.09
Guardbid	640.30	684.00	-1.50	1.33
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	105.98	110.00	-0.43	5.05
Global High Inc	98.29	102.00†	-0.52	5.43
Corporate Bond	104.98	108.96	-0.35	6.45
Eqty & Bond Inc	108.84	115.72†	-0.12	5.60
European Growth	128.70	136.84	-0.91	
Intl PEP Trust	70.12	74.55	-0.34	
Equity Inc	133.72	142.17†	-1.32	4.22
-do- Accum	198.39	210.93	-2.85	4.22
Recovery	412.60	438.70†	-1.60	1.42
-do- Accum	492.70	523.80	-2.00	1.49
St Vinc High Inc	129.44	137.38	-0.18	7.43
UK Emerg Cos	288.40	306.60†		2.50
UK Smlr Cos	403.00	410.10	+0.20	2.59
Glob Prw Tst	115.27	122.56†	-0.86	1.72
-do- Accum	119.81	127.40	-0.87	1.72
Inc Share Tst	90.94	96.69	+0.01	8.86
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Balanced Inc	56.41	59.81	-0.20	3.57
Balanced Acc	60.00	63.62	-0.20	3.57
Growth	33.67	35.70	-0.12	1.93
Growth Acc	34.92	36.92	-0.12	1.93
Income	32.06	33.99†	-0.06	4.38
Income Acc	34.25	36.32	-0.07	4.38
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Accumulation Tst	26.10	28.28	-0.12	2.87
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	98.87	102.30†	-0.40	6.52
Model Ptfin	241.60	254.20	-0.30	2.64
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0645 494949 Dealing: 0645 464848				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	362.60	387.97	-0.47	0.51
Best of British	73.18	77.78†	-0.20	1.99
UK Smaller Cos	157.54	169.15	+0.55	1.10
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	309.25	329.33	-0.14	3.36
-do- Accum #	871.60	928.42	-0.40	3.29
High Income	334.17	357.22†	-0.32	4.28
Extra Income #	289.73	308.11†	-0.05	6.28
Pref & Bond	49.01	50.65†	-0.08	8.30
International				
Ethical	123.92	132.52	-0.61	1.87
International	216.59	235.34†	-1.32	
Global Bond	54.81	57.76†	-0.41	5.49
Intl Port Tst	99.21	106.09	-0.17	0.64
Global Tech	232.44	250.17†	-1.92	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	192.33	205.67	+0.19	..
European	611.09	647.86†	-5.56	0.31
European Income #	93.32	98.86	-0.59	3.39
Euro Smlr Cos	192.81	205.67†	-0.55	0.97
European Value	92.84	98.93†	-0.18	0.13
-do- Accum	99.88	106.43	-0.20	0.13
Japan Trust	208.03	220.92	-2.04	
Japan Smlr Cos	209.54	222.89†	-2.36	
Pacific Smlr Cos	236.81	251.22†	-0.91	...
North American	322.29	342.13	-1.23	
American Smaller	174.73	188.51†	-1.11	
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	155.50	163.70	-4.50	5.14
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	122.55	128.33†	-0.33	1.76
Capital	202.95	212.52	-0.80	1.52
Dollar	509.84	533.87†	-4.02	
Enterprise Gth	435.97	456.51	-1.31	0.91
European	271.62	284.42	-0.25	0.67
Far East	309.67	324.26	-0.33	0.29
Financial	£10.41	£10.90†	-2.10	1.80
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.21	27.28†	-0.07	6.78
High Yield #	111.33	116.57	-0.09	5.08
Income & Growth #	161.14	168.73†	-0.34	3.80
International	290.25	303.93	-1.37	0.31
Japanese General	191.73	200.76	-1.68	
Japan Tech	81.42	85.26	-0.86	
Natl Resources	80.37	84.15	+0.41	0.49
Portfolio	88.16	92.22	-0.33	1.18
Special Sits	211.97	221.96	+0.02	0.05
UK Emerging Cos	133.22	139.49	+0.72	0.80
US Smaller Cos	160.94	168.53	-2.05	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 889 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	644.50	687.80	-1.10	5.50
UK Growth	715.70	763.80†	-5.80	2.53
High Income #	115.20	122.90†	-0.20	5.67
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	623.40	660.00	-3.90	0.27
European Gwth	143.70	152.80	-1.20	0.17
Japan Gwth	255.50	271.70†	-1.40	
Japan Smllr Cos	31.06	33.15	-0.23	
Asian	62.83	67.12	+0.17	0.18
Sing & Malay Gwth	83.83	88.47	+0.08	
Hong Kong Gwth	156.10	166.60	+0.80	1.16
Global Bond	21.67	22.88	-0.15	5.05
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	168.60	183.40	-0.40	3.28
Trade Index	129.60	133.00	-0.20	2.20
THE FOOTSIE FUND	65.44	65.77	-0.15	2.90
Index Funds-International				
American Index	289.30	290.80	-1.20	0.95
Eurotrack 100	188.60	189.80	-0.50	1.46
Japan Index	72.17	72.53	-0.63	0.10
Tiger Index	189.10	193.80	-0.10	..
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	48.96	50.97	-1.39	1.14
General Funds				
Managed Dist	88.90	92.56†	-0.33	1.42
Managed	91.76	95.53†	-0.33	1.42
Rupert Child Fnd	102.80	107.00	-0.20	2.12
UK Growth	71.22	74.15†	-0.13	1.90
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	88.60	92.24	-0.13	5.47
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.83	27.71†	-0.11	8.07
UK Inc & Gwth	48.19	50.17†	-0.05	3.08
UK Income #	373.80	383.00†	-3.80	4.29
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	64.01	66.36†	-0.38	0.11
Amer Smlr Cos	162.40	169.10	-2.70	
-do- Accum	164.20	171.00	-2.70	
Europe Gth	234.50	243.90	-1.20	
-do- Accum	242.90	252.60	-1.20	
Euro Smaller Cos	45.50	47.30†	-0.15	
French Growth	97.58	101.40	-1.10	0.08
-do- Accum	105.80	109.50	-1.30	0.08
H Kong & China	99.53	103.60	+0.10	0.83
Intl Growth	67.84	70.57†	-0.34	0.12
-do- Accum	69.08	71.86†	-0.35	0.12
Japan Gth	28.88	30.05	-0.28	
-do- Accum	28.88	30.05	-0.28	
Japan Smaller Cos	34.77	36.18†	-0.40	
Glob Emg Mkts	90.78	94.51	-0.35	..
-do- Accum	91.42	95.18	-0.34	0.11
SE Asia	344.90	358.70	+0.30	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	52.07	53.67	-0.40	6.56
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690445				
Sector Value Inc #	103.60	109.30†	-0.10	3.79
Sector Value Gwth	105.00	110.70†	-0.20	2.16
Hy 5 Europe	102.20	107.10	+1.10	2.75
Slater Gwth	178.10	188.00†	+0.40	0.61
New Japan	93.89	98.87	-0.25	0.01
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	191.80	204.00	-0.90	
Income #	217.71	231.60	-0.19	4.19
UK Growth	86.26	91.76	-0.13	1.87

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Intl Growth	85.32	90.76	-0.92	0.45
Ecology	102.54	109.08†	+0.03	0.87
European	206.82	219.80	-0.65	0.56
Far Eastern	297.40	316.30	-2.10	...
UK Special Sits	53.39	56.94†	-0.10	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	101.00	104.30	-0.60	7.13
Gilt Yield	118.90	125.40	+0.16	6.87
Global Income	229.50	243.10†	-1.30	3.64
High Yield	151.60	161.30†	-0.20	5.78
-do- Accum	502.50	534.60†	-0.58	5.78
Smlr Cos Div	62.27	66.24†	+0.07	3.42
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	155.20	165.10	-0.80	
Asian Growth	322.70	343.30	+1.90	
-do- Accum	379.20	403.40	+2.20	...
North American	112.10	119.30	-0.84	0.22
European Special	123.40	131.30	-1.10	1.27
European	178.50	189.90	-1.20	0.47
-do- Accum	236.30	251.38	-1.50	0.47
Global Eqty Inc	120.18	127.40	-0.50	1.93
Japan	373.20	397.00	-3.00	..
Japanese Special	203.80	216.80	-1.80	
Smaller Cos	146.30	155.60	+0.20	1.04
UK Equity Growth	51.83	55.14	-0.05	1.81
UK Index Inc	334.90	335.60†	-1.10	3.94
Bircham Tst	106.79	114.70†	-3.10	2.09
-do- Accum	108.10	118.20†	-3.50	2.09
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	303.30	322.66†	-0.88	5.03
Inc & Growth Inc	68.60	72.98	-0.23	3.80
Smaller Cos	91.90	97.77†	+0.15	1.22
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	460.80	468.90	-2.40	2.20
UK Inc/Gth #	475.00	504.00	-0.90	4.26
UK Income #	335.60	356.30†	-1.10	5.10
UK Sm Cos	313.20	335.00	+0.30	1.57
Euro Gwth	162.70	171.70†	-1.40	0.46
N Amer Gwth	122.60	130.10	-0.10	...
Japan Growth	57.20	60.69	-0.52	
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist @	563.50	583.50†	-1.00	2.75
-do- Accum @	£12.08	£12.08†	-2.08	2.75
Equity Income @#	104.60	104.60	+0.10	5.03
UK Tactical Allocatn @	65.68	65.68	-0.15	4.16
European @	143.90	143.90†	-0.40	0.91
Far Eastern @	220.80	220.80†	-0.80	
Fixed Interest @	54.62	54.62	-0.24	7.41
Gilt @	90.57	90.67†	-0.39	8.63
Global Growth @	80.63	80.63	-0.48	0.19
Intl Bond @	51.58	51.58†	-0.46	5.18
Japanese @	65.07	65.07†	-0.86	
North American @	224.20	224.20	-1.50	0.83
Pacific Growth @	120.20	120.20†	-0.20	0.29
UK Index @	76.67	76.67†	-0.16	3.26
UK Recovery @	117.50	117.50†	-0.30	2.01
UK Smaller Cos @	182.30	182.30	+0.10	1.21
US Index @	84.81	84.81	-0.45	1.31
European Index @	91.08	91.08†	-0.35	1.54
Japan Index @	36.90	36.90	-0.32	..
Worldwide @	97.91	97.91†	-0.28	1.58
LINCOLN FUND MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	56.34	60.25	-0.10	2.36
Income	65.46	70.00	-0.10	4.15
Far East	51.51	55.09	-0.11	0.08
North American	132.00	141.10	-0.70	..
Global	101.60	108.60	-0.30	0.41
European	95.16	101.70	-0.59	1.08
Japan	94.95	101.50	-0.80	
Intl Currency Bd	58.04	61.58†	-0.29	4.50
SE Asia	105.80	113.10	+0.19	0.49
UK Cap Growth	102.98	110.00†		2.66
Recovery Trust	89.89	96.13†	+0.10	1.27
Managed	75.00	80.21	-0.25	1.25
Cash	51.45	51.45	+0.01	4.67
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 338 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	406.60	434.70†	-0.40	2.28
-do- Accum	976.60	£10.39		2.28
Cont Euro Gth	80.01	84.23†	+0.03	0.42
-do- Accum	86.65	91.22	+0.04	0.42
Extra Inc	282.60	300.90	-3.30	4.08
-do- Accum	773.90	823.30	-9.50	4.08
FTSE 100 Inc	120.70	128.50	-0.20	2.69
FTSE 100 Acc	126.10	134.20	-0.30	2.69
German Gth	138.90	146.39	-0.50	
-do- Accum	145.80	153.30	-0.50	
Growth Port	669.50	712.30	+6.20	0.67
-do- Accum	697.70	742.30	+8.50	0.67
High Interest Inc	99.20	102.80	-0.50	7.50
High Interest Acc	105.10	109.00	-0.50	7.50
Hi Reserve Inc #	107.30	114.20	-0.30	6.24
Hi Reserve Acc #	116.20	123.70	-0.30	6.24
Income	545.30	580.70†	-7.60	3.19
-do- Accum	£15.60	£16.60	-19.00	3.19
Income Port	557.60	593.50†	-5.00	4.37
-do- Accum	631.30	671.80	-5.70	4.37
Japan Growth	95.88	102.00	-0.60	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	96.21	102.40	-0.80	..
Micro Trust	67.98	72.32	-0.10	1.38
-do- Accum	78.49	83.51	-0.11	1.36
Millennium Acc	95.69	101.80		2.33
N American Gen	250.80	266.60	-0.30	..
-do- Accum	288.90	308.50	-0.40	..
N Am Sm Co Rec	194.20	206.80	-1.30	...
-do- Accum	198.20	210.80	-1.30	..
Pacific Basin	254.60	270.90	-5.00	0.07
-do- Accum	271.20	288.60	-5.30	0.07
Small Cos Rec	533.20	561.30†	+1.70	2.06
-do- Accum	736.50	775.20	+2.40	2.06
UK Eq Gth	165.10	175.70		2.56
UK Eq Inc	128.00	136.20	-0.10	3.95
UK Growth	106.70	113.60	-0.10	1.87
-do- Accum	134.00	142.60	-0.10	1.87
Worldwide Gth	355.30	378.00	+1.50	0.28
-do- Accum	525.16	558.70	+2.20	0.29
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	88.03	94.31	-0.61	0.78
General	107.39	115.22†	-0.16	2.70
Income	72.74	78.04	+0.02	6.00
International	73.08	78.41	-0.34	0.60
Japan	52.46	56.30	-0.40	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	76.17	81.72†	-1.03	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	527.90	557.40	-2.80	0.29
-do- Accum	680.70	697.80	-3.20	0.29
Amer Recovery	579.20	612.50†	-2.20	0.07
-do- Accum	669.80	708.30†	-2.60	0.07
Amer Smllr Cos	169.30	179.00	-1.90	..
-do- Accum	173.00	182.90	-1.00	
Australasian	206.92	218.80	+0.50	2.14
-do- Accum	259.80	274.80	+0.60	2.14
Capital	978.90	1039.70	-3.30	2.82
-do- Accum	1199.30	1225.80	-4.00	2.92
Charifund	730.20	767.88†	-0.40	6.01
-do- Accum	3919.70	3958.60†	-2.30	6.01
Commodity	463.80	489.50	+3.40	0.18
-do- Accum	685.60	725.30	+5.00	0.18
Compound Gwth	1104.00	1167.50†	-3.80	2.76
-do- Accum	1219.80	1289.80†	-4.20	2.76
Corporate Bond	25.55	25.55†	-0.03	7.60
Dividend	43.10	45.60†	-0.10	4.93
-do- Accum	195.50	207.00†	-0.60	4.93
Equity Income	328.00	346.90	+0.30	5.74
-do- Accum	454.80	481.00	+0.40	5.74
Euro & General	626.90	662.90	-4.30	0.76
-do- Accum	805.10	851.30	-5.60	0.76
Euro Dividend	80.30	84.93	-0.50	3.81
-do- Accum	102.20	108.10	-0.60	3.81
Euro Yield	457.80	483.20	-0.50	5.42
-do- Accum	1545.70	1634.00	-1.70	6.12
Fund of Inv Tsts	720.20	761.60	-0.60	1.93
-do- Accum	1382.30	1461.90	-1.00	1.93
General	69.00	73.00	-0.20	3.89
-do- Accum	203.30	215.00	-1.00	3.89
Gilt Income	61.28	61.36†	-0.03	7.00
-do- Accum	188.49	188.76†	-0.08	7.00
Gold	76.20	80.63	+0.90	0.16
-do- Accum	91.20	95.50	+1.10	0.16
High Income	32.90	34.80	-0.10	4.71
-do- Accum	140.40	148.70	-0.40	4.71
Intl Growth	89.40	94.50	-0.60	0.69
-do- Accum	158.20	167.20	-1.20	0.69
International Inc	107.00	113.20†	-0.50	4.87
-do- Accum	171.70	181.70†	-0.60	4.87
Japan & Gen	37.10	39.10†	-0.40	..
-do- Accum	39.80	42.00†	-0.40	...
Japan Smlr Cos	133.40	141.00†	-1.60	...
-do- Accum	134.30	142.00†	-1.60	
Managed Gwth	26.90	28.40	-0.10	1.69
Managed Income	29.50	31.00†		3.86
Midland	61.40	64.90†	-0.30	3.31
-do- Accum	216.20	228.60†	-0.80	3.31
Pension Ex	1055.40	1081.60†	-5.40	4.32
Recovery	46.40	49.10	-0.20	3.16
-do- Accum	79.90	84.40	-0.40	3.16
Second General	76.30	80.70	-0.40	3.88
-do- Accum	207.07	218.90	-0.32	3.88
Smaller Cos	70.29	74.29	+0.10	3.35
-do- Accum	145.40	153.70	+0.30	3.35
Sth East Asia	382.80	404.60	-0.40	1.19
-do- Accum	512.70	542.20	-0.50	1.19
Treasury	25.14	25.16†		5.60
Trustee	43.30	45.80†		5.36
-do- Accum	189.20	200.20†		5.36
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	97.98	104.23†	-0.58	1.08
Intl Bond	63.07	66.25†	-0.53	5.20
Intl Equity Growth	84.44	88.71†	-0.46	0.75
N Amer Growth	137.71	146.24	-0.68	0.82
Special Sits Growth	27.94	29.72	-0.06	1.98
UK Growth	460.64	490.04†	-1.26	2.56
-do- Accum	636.14	676.74	-1.75	2.56
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01820 825667				
Balanced Fd #	1427.90	1449.80†		2.99
Income #	1029.80	1046.00	...	4.80
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	166.30	178.18	..	3.59
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Pfolio	178.20	183.70	-0.50	2.53
-do- Accum	211.50	218.60	-0.70	2.53
UK Sel Pfolio	158.10	163.00	-0.50	2.52
-do- Accum	190.60	196.50	-0.60	2.52
UK 100 Cos	115.60	115.60	-0.50	2.89
-do- Accum	117.80	117.80	-0.40	2.89
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	74.22	78.96	-0.02	3.59
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4846				
Intl Income	83.42	88.56	-0.05	3.49
European	105.20	111.70	-0.90	0.65
Income #	83.95	89.12†	+0.27	4.18
Nth American	99.86	105.80	-1.70	0.23
Far East	173.90	184.60	-1.80	0.08
Japan	57.82	61.38	-0.69	
Emrging Mkts	80.79	86.41	-1.46	0.02
Intl Growth	127.20	135.00†	-1.60	0.77
UK Growth	124.00	131.60†	+0.20	2.59
UK Smlr Co	62.69	66.55†	+0.69	1.35
Asia Pacific	36.42	38.65	-0.49	0.32
Glob Gwth PEP	61.22	64.98†	-0.59	1.33
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	100.70	107.20	-0.30	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	456.45	485.68	-0.69	4.67
Global Inc	74.66	79.43	-0.29	4.40
Bris Leaders	388.96	413.79	-1.33	3.67
Intl Leaders	234.24	249.30	-0.72	1.45
Fxd Mg Bal Gth	71.91	74.71	-0.01	0.46
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	276.00	291.20†	-1.80	..
-do- Accum	295.10	311.40†	-2.00	..
American Opps	126.40	134.80†	-1.30	
-do- Accum	128.60	136.50†	-1.50	..
British Blue Chip	96.32	102.20†		2.35
-do- Accum	124.90	132.60†	-0.10	2.35
Cash	100.40	100.40†	...	5.42
-do- Accum*	149.00	149.00†		5.42
Emerging Mkts	121.60	130.10	-1.00	0.11
-do- Accum	122.60	131.80	-0.90	0.11
European Growth	326.50	345.40	-1.40	0.13
-do- Accum	356.00	376.60	-1.50	0.13
European Income	91.80	96.78	-0.50	2.97
-do- Accum	131.80	139.10	-0.60	2.97
General	617.80	656.60	-1.40	1.89
-do- Accum	1254.00	1342.00	-4.00	1.89
Global Bond	130.90	137.60†	-0.50	5.57
-do- Accum	174.00	182.90†	-0.60	5.57
Gold & General	212.10	226.90	+0.500	0.40
-do- Accum	219.50	234.80	+0.500	0.40
Govt Securities	95.16	98.13	-0.33	6.66
-do- Accum	198.50	205.70	-0.70	6.09
High Yield Bd	101.70	104.30	-0.50	7.03
-do- Accum	106.80	110.90	-0.40	7.03
Income	187.00	198.40†	+0.100	4.24
-do- Accum	312.30	331.40†	+0.200	4.24
Inc Portfolio #	112.00	118.60†	-0.20	4.83
-do- Accum #*	122.20	129.90†	-0.30	4.83
Intl Opps	553.10	589.90	-4.10	0.15
-do- Accum	746.40	795.20	-5.40	0.15
Japan	160.20	170.40	-1.40	..
-do- Accum	164.50	175.00	-1.40	...
New Europe	240.20	259.20	-0.70	0.79
-do- Accum	250.00	269.70	-0.60	0.79
Pacific	113.80	121.40	+0.700	0.84
-do- Accum	122.60	130.80	+0.100	0.84
Recovery	453.90	484.20†	+0.700	0.54
-do- Accum	589.30	630.20†	+1.000	0.54
UK Smaller Cos	65.52	69.89	+0.220	0.74
-do- Accum	75.65	80.69	+0.230	0.74
Portfolio	33.98	36.67†	-0.20	2.32
-do- Accum	115.70	122.70†	-0.20	2.32
Managed Gth	120.90	126.40	-0.20	1.02
Managed Inc	120.40	124.90	-0.20	3.00
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Europacific Plus	154.99	164.86	-0.82	0.14
Portfolio	80.93	86.10	-0.24	1.30
UK Income Inc	90.18	95.94		4.92
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	68.92	72.17†	-0.19	2.72
-do- Accum	78.47	80.07†	-0.21	2.72
British Tst	106.40	111.40	-0.40	2.74
-do- Accum	127.30	133.30	-0.50	2.74
Corp Bond Inc	99.40	103.00†	-0.30	6.71
-do- Accum	103.00	106.70†	-0.40	6.71
Extra High Inc	69.94	73.24†	-0.08	7.42
-do- Accum	120.60	157.70†	-0.10	7.42
FTSE 100 Inc	69.22	72.48	-0.17	2.80
FTSE 100 Acc	65.30	68.38	-0.18	2.80
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.97	58.24	-0.10	5.88
-do- Accum	178.30	185.50	-0.40	5.88
High Yield	232.90	243.90†	-0.40	6.37
-do- Accum	650.20	680.90†	-1.30	6.37
Income	320.30	335.40	-0.40	4.03
-do- Accum	752.10	787.50	-1.10	4.03
Money Market UT	49.25	49.25†	+0.01	4.90
-do- Accum	83.32	83.32†	+0.01	4.90
Monthly Income	92.65	97.02†	-0.16	4.67
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	133.60	142.10	-0.60	1.36
European Growth	132.60	140.50	+0.60	0.01

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilt & Fixed	100.00	105.10	-0.10	5.33
Income	103.40	110.00	-0.20	2.82
Japan Growth	47.24	50.07	-0.30	..
Managed	83.44	88.77	-0.78	1.98
Money Market	95.76	101.50		3.95
North American	112.00	118.70	-0.60	0.36
Midland FS/MCS Unit Trust				
British	121.20	128.90	-0.50	1.37
European Growth	124.50	132.00	+0.60	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	94.35	102.10	-0.10	5.25
Income	101.30	107.80	-0.20	2.26
Japan Growth	47.04	49.86	-0.30	..
Managed	80.22	85.34	-0.21	1.95
Money Market	98.28	93.58	+0.02	3.93
North American	101.10	107.20	-0.50	0.45
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	120.10	127.80	-0.50	1.37
European Growth	121.90	129.20	+0.60	
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.67	89.60	-0.14	5.50
Income	98.51	104.80	-0.20	2.44
Japan Growth	48.08	50.96	-0.31	..
Managed	82.72	88.00	-0.27	1.97
Money Market	80.31	85.13	+0.01	4.09
North American	113.20	120.00	-0.60	0.35
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.24	16.15		..
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	471.90	501.00†	-2.00	
European Gth Inc	558.30	598.60	+0.70	...
-do- Accum	564.40	605.10	+0.70	...
Intl Gwth	227.80	242.00†	-0.60	
UK Equity Inc	223.10	237.30†	...	3.84
-do- Accum	304.40	323.60†		3.84
UK Intl Trdr Inc	193.80	206.60	-0.30	3.12
-do- Accum	239.50	255.00	-0.40	3.12
US Eq Intl Trk Inc	280.30	296.70	-1.70	0.83
Japan Tracker	67.53	71.21†	-0.81	..
Asian Tracker	220.80	238.50†	-0.20	0.14
Mngd Pfolio Inc	187.90	200.50	-0.10	1.97
Mngd Pfolio Acc	205.00	218.00	-0.10	1.97
Deposit Inc	100.00	100.02†	+0.01	5.26
Europe	263.30	280.00	+2.10	..
Eurostk	215.00	231.70†	+0.20	2.43
High Income	20.59	21.82†	-0.04	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 883				
American	106.70	111.00†	-0.20	1.91
American Inc	94.54	100.69†	-0.20	1.91
American Reserve	95.78	98.74†	-0.37	7.57
-do- Inc	73.90	74.64†	-0.28	7.57
American Growth	78.59	72.81	-0.24	..
Equity Income #	100.70	106.20		4.50
European	82.12	93.34	-0.14	0.50
Smaller Cos	92.76	97.00†	+0.08	1.28
W'wide Eqty	78.92	78.50	-0.18	..
Global Bond	43.26	43.71†	-0.39	6.41
UK Growth	115.00	117.80	-0.10	1.47
Pacific Growth	119.89	123.29	-0.10	0.61
Japan Growth	88.89	91.16	-0.15	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	148.07	158.37	-0.26	2.66
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 6262				
UK Growth	90.55	98.33	-0.21	2.20
UK Income	124.94	132.81†	-0.30	4.29
Higher Income	245.30	259.95	-0.23	4.30
Smaller Cos	106.35	113.13†	+0.03	1.41
International	110.64	117.70†	-0.47	1.40
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	131.40	138.87	-1.60	0.08
European Dist	147.90	157.39†	-1.20	0.27
Far East Dist	191.40	203.80	+0.20	
Global Care Dist	85.92	91.40	-0.41	0.36
Overs Dist	1149.30	1222.70	-5.40	..
-do- Accum	1498.60	1589.20	-7.00	..
UK Dist	427.80	454.90†	-1.10	2.18
-do- Accum	877.80	933.90	-2.40	2.18
UK Extra Inc Dist	93.69	102.40	-0.18	2.80
Wwide Dist	119.19	126.70†	-0.06	..
Wwide Inc Dist	88.01	93.63†	-0.33	7.39
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 290 Admin Enq: 01277 690 285				
Europa Inc	79.03	83.41	-0.57	0.72
Fund of Funds Inc	68.98	73.54	-0.19	1.77
North America Inc	69.14	72.97	-0.46	0.34
UK Equity Gth Inc	69.92	73.37†	-0.53	2.75
-do- Accum	75.74	79.94	-0.58	2.75
UK General Inc	67.21	70.99†	-0.62	2.86
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	48.16	50.72†	-0.24	6.62
UK Income Inc	65.60	69.24†	-0.02	4.30
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0800 440 080				
American	53.52	56.95†	+0.02	...
-do- Accum	53.98	57.37†	+0.01	...
Bond	128.57	136.48	-0.81	5.50
Cash Income	50.08	50.08†	+0.01	5.29
-do- Accum	69.41	69.41†	+0.02	5.29
Distributor	103.15	109.73	-0.34	3.11
European	54.57	58.47	-0.38	..
Foundation	109.97	116.98	-0.47	2.80
General Inc	212.38	225.93	-0.70	1.69
General Acc	214.51	228.20	-0.70	1.69
Global	365.52	388.85	-3.60	..
Growth Inc	143.04	152.17†	-0.80	2.40
Growth Acc	146.76	156.12†	-0.83	2.40
Higher Income Inc	31.02	33.92	+0.40	4.70
-do- Accum	38.88	41.38	+0.48	4.79
Income	260.54	277.17†	-0.20	3.57
Intrepid	141.26	147.14		1.78
Japan	25.62	27.25	+0.16	..
Oriental Inc	150.00	159.57	+2.43	0.17
-do- Accum	155.37	165.28	+2.51	0.17
Pers Intl Gwth	35.28	37.51	-0.33	..
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2585				
High Income #	48.22	51.03†	-0.03	6.23
UK Growth	115.10	121.80	...	2.57
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Major Trust	141.33	148.77†	-0.50	0.93
UK Equity	170.10	178.05	-0.22	2.75
UK Equity Income	153.31	161.38	-0.15	3.18
UK Smaller Cos	141.83	149.29	-0.20	1.42
UK Equity Growth	156.01	164.22†	-0.61	1.06
UK Index Trckg	168.81	178.16	-0.12	2.83
Intl Index Trckg	170.03	179.51	-1.43	0.85
International	274.47	288.92†	-1.58	0.64
European	250.24	263.41	-2.05	0.32
Pan European	167.27	176.07	-1.02	1.26
Nth American	244.13	256.98†	-1.82	0.11
N Amer Smlr Cos	242.22	254.97	-2.04	..
Japanese	88.22	92.70	-0.89	..
Pacific	228.19	240.62	-0.57	0.39
South East Asian	219.65	231.42†	-0.32	0.50
Intl Bond	133.08	140.08	-1.14	5.66
Gilt & Convertible	110.21	116.01	-0.08	5.28
Property	84.83	89.29	+0.02	5.85
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	346.80	371.50	-1.30	0.04
-do- Accum	369.30	394.50	-1.40	0.04
Japan Inc	106.90	113.00†	-0.60	..
Nth American Inc	148.20	157.80	-1.50	0.67
Worldwide Inc	175.30	187.70	-0.80	0.01
Hong Kong Inc	185.00	197.30	-0.50	1.02
Swiss Equities Inc	85.09	90.86	-0.49	..
Wwide Bond Inc	66.40	70.19	-0.38	5.18
Emging Asia Inc	184.40	199.50	-1.10	0.81
-do- Accum	185.10	201.20	-1.10	0.81
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.08	50.08†	+0.01	5.49
Thailand Inc	123.00	133.70†	+0.60	2.01
New Zealand Inc	103.80	111.50†	+0.10	2.86
Int Mngd PEP Inc	70.91	75.94	-0.25	0.88
Latin Am Corp Inc	80.96	86.42	-0.32	0.74
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	70.80	72.06	-0.15	2.66
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustee	85.06	90.97†	-0.19	...
Global Portfolio	75.56	80.81	-0.63	...
Global Opps	64.74	69.24	-0.87	...
Moorgate Global Gth	66.13	70.13	-0.24	...
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	109.80	116.60	-0.50	...
Temple Equity Inc	49.45	52.67	-0.10	4.20
Henley Growth	112.09	119.29		0.36
Intl Growth Inc	84.14	89.89†	+0.61	0.34
IPS Portfolio Inc	90.46	96.75	-0.04	...
Premier Portfolio Inc	69.41	74.23	-0.13	1.45
Roxburgh Stkr Gth	78.85	84.12†	-0.11	0.50
International Stat	82.88	87.96	+0.04	...
UFC Growth	62.53	66.69	...	..
Chatfield Port of Fds	54.08	58.41	+0.04	...
Lowes Intl Growth	49.77	52.38	-0.15	0.49
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3993				
Equity Gth	240.30	255.60	+0.90	1.18
European Gth	128.60	137.50	-1.40	0.48
Income & Gth #	162.90	173.30	+1.00	3.08
Japan Gth	101.40	107.90	-1.40	..
Nth Amer Gth	217.00	230.80	-2.00	...
Overseas Gth	121.60	128.40	-1.60	...
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 636 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	279.80	297.50	-0.50	2.49
-do- Accum	615.30	651.30	-1.20	2.49
Growth	182.30	191.90	-0.20	2.65
Income	266.60	283.80†	-0.30	4.17
Intl Equity	280.40	298.20	-1.10	0.57
-do- Accum	314.00	334.00	-1.30	0.57
UK Income	74.26	78.99	-0.10	3.60
UK Intl 25	93.97	99.96	-0.14	1.94
New Europe	103.20	109.80	..	0.12
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	692.14	729.30†	-0.84	0.57
-do- Accum	696.85	733.43	-0.85	0.53
Income	439.59	470.15†	-0.48	3.16
Wwide Recovery	447.95	479.07	-1.75	0.53
Amer Growth Inc	315.37	335.97	+0.24	0.01
-do- Accum	315.37	336.97	+0.24	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	287.13	307.10	-0.43	0.01
Far Estn Gth Inc	302.48	323.51	-0.56	0.94
-do- Accum	303.58	324.69	-0.55	0.94
Euro Gwth Inc	189.22	192.65	-0.19	0.54
-do- Accum	180.84	193.23	-0.19	0.54
UK Growth Inc	118.86	126.93	-0.21	2.65
-do- Accum	125.62	134.36	-0.33	2.65
High Income	115.90	123.96	-0.04	3.64
Jap Gwth Inc	184.30	197.12	-0.49	0.71
-do- Accum	184.30	197.12	-0.49	0.71
PEP Bond	93.95	98.38	-0.16	7.82
PEP Growth	144.15	154.15	-0.37	0.77
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	134.79	144.13	+0.17	0.26
-do- Accum	135.87	144.47	+0.17	0.26
Amer Smlr Cos Inc	196.80	210.49†	-0.78	0.01
-do- Accum	196.88	210.49	-0.78	0.01
Global Bond	55.84	58.82	-0.14	3.75
UK Smaller Cos Inc	110.57	118.37	+0.06	1.53
-do- Accum	117.90	126.10	+0.07	1.53
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0181 301 3927				
American	138.52	147.38†	-0.45	..
European	93.60	99.57	-0.17	...
Global	69.21	73.63	+0.11	...
Pacific	58.68	62.43†	+0.08	...
UK Inc & Gth	81.56	86.75	+0.20	1.86
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Asia Acc	47.28	50.31		0.84
Emerg Mkts	46.02	48.54	-0.19	1.05
Fund of Funds Inc	194.25	205.56	+0.15	0.58
Fund of Funds Acc	195.69	207.08	+0.15	0.58
High Income #	54.78	57.97†	-0.03	5.61
Professional	47.73	50.78	+0.06	..
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	177.81	188.05	-0.23	1.82
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	123.20	131.10	-1.00	3.16
Conv & Gilt	122.10	129.92	-0.33	4.79
European Income	68.08	72.73†	-0.55	3.47
Extra Income	164.30	166.10	-0.89	4.96
-do- Accum	241.80	257.80	-0.60	4.96
Far East	395.40	421.70†	-0.90	..
-do- Accum	404.80	430.90	-0.80	..
Global Income	29.21	31.10	-0.07	3.85
High Income	132.90	140.80†	-0.59	4.54
-do- Accum	178.00	189.00†	-0.66	4.54
International	208.50	221.20†	-0.93	0.43
-do- Accum	217.30	231.20	-0.98	0.43
Pref & Fxd Int	44.78	47.69†	-0.08	7.28
Recovery	90.21	95.97	-0.40	2.21

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	153.70	163.50	-0.30	1.34
-do- Accum	170.40	181.20	-0.30	1.34
Technology	683.20	726.80	-2.80	..
UK Blue Chip	88.60	94.34	-0.60	2.90
-do- Accum	103.90	110.50	-0.70	2.90
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	46.06	47.73	-0.14	1.69
Cash Haven Inc	100.88	101.37†	+0.01	5.01
Cash Haven Acc	119.30	119.96	+0.01	5.01
Dist Trust Inc	106.97	110.23†	-0.29	5.81
Dist Trust Acc	120.64	125.02	-0.33	5.81
Global Growth	106.42	113.21	+0.25	1.28
Equity Inc	88.97	94.65†	-0.12	4.19
Equity	890.04	946.85†	-1.78	2.45
European	270.78	280.60	-1.86	1.04
High Income	93.70	99.68	-0.14	5.30
Intl Gwth	227.59	235.72	-0.79	1.05
Intl Sm Co	95.61	102.78†	-0.51	0.65
Japanese	201.13	208.43	-1.87	..
Nth Amer	240.27	248.89†	-1.61	1.27
Pacific Mkts	117.52	121.89	-1.17	0.47
Premier Inc	48.02	49.98†	-0.20	6.74
Sm Cos	113.04	120.26†	+0.05	1.78
Spec Sits	127.42	135.56	-0.35	2.69
UK Growth	148.64	158.13	-0.33	2.40
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Hi Inc for Inc	84.03	89.26	-0.07	3.78
Investment Trust	115.35	122.35	-0.02	0.61
UK Smaller Cos	108.63	114.23	-0.21	1.22
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	334.40	354.70†	-5.40	3.49
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	692.64	724.94	-3.71	0.32
America (Acc)	808.08	849.41	-4.35	0.32
Amer Smlr Cos	60.36	64.45	-0.38	...
Asia	54.23	58.14	-0.02	...
European	417.42	442.17	-1.97	0.43
Japan	215.23	228.85	-2.63	
Jap Smlr Cos	37.01	38.48	-0.46	..
Major UK Cos	120.82	128.44	-0.23	1.79
Smlr UK Cos	411.09	447.79	+0.46	1.08
UK Equity Inc #	188.61	199.37†	+0.28	4.38
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia/Pacific	50.73	52.98	+0.26	
Cash	48.50	50.51		2.86
Emerging Mkts	48.23	48.28	-0.07	..
Europe	62.31	65.02	-0.14	..
Global Fixed Int #	51.44	53.72	-0.26	5.40
Japan	39.50	41.25	-0.41	..
North America	69.10	72.16	-0.27	..
UK	66.10	69.83	+0.03	0.46
UK Equity Inc #	62.61	65.38	+0.05	3.69
UK Fixed Int #	52.03	54.33	-0.10	7.25
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	51.21	53.17	-0.07	..
Pep Inc Port #	50.91	52.75	+0.01	4.26
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	90.79	95.56	+0.01	..
Gilt	102.81	107.32	-0.47	..
Managed	119.65	125.32	-0.31	..
Portfolio	50.46	53.11	-0.05	..
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	123.70	131.50†	-0.20	..
Pacific Basin	79.79	85.55†	+0.20	0.27
High Inc Dist	159.60	170.70†	+0.10	1.85
Rtl Life Intl Cnry	64.48	69.09	-0.16	1.89
Rtl Life Intl Gwth	77.85	82.92	-0.04	..
Rtl Life Intl Spec	72.60	77.23	-0.09	..
UK Emerging Cos	143.40	155.80	+0.79	1.34
UK Index Trckg	198.40	210.80†	-0.10	3.54
European	171.90	184.10†	-0.30	0.25
Managed	181.10	194.70	+0.18	1.01
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	195.70	208.10		1.36
European Growth	138.90	147.00	-1.20	1.99
Far East Growth	145.60	154.90	+0.56	0.62
Japan Growth	114.50	120.30†	-1.30	0.24
Special Sits	255.90	272.20	+1.70	1.88
UK Growth	159.20	169.70	+0.18	2.89
Triton General	283.60	302.00†	-1.30	1.81
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	171.90	181.90	-0.90	0.57
Gilt Euro Prog Inc	433.30	458.97	-2.00	0.78
-do- Accum	677.20	716.60	-3.10	0.78
Growth Inc	155.80	165.20	-0.50	0.85
-do- Accum	161.20	170.80	-0.80	0.85
International Inc	412.50	436.20	-2.20	0.78
-do- Accum	570.40	603.80	-3.10	0.78
Nth Am & Intl Inc	391.90	414.70	-2.70	0.14
UK Gen Prog Inc	257.40	272.40	-0.30	1.35
-do- Accum	294.80	312.00	-0.30	1.35
UK High Inc Inc	148.10	156.80	...	4.54
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	124.35	132.28	-0.65	0.75
European Gwth	91.82	97.25	-0.27	1.09
Global Bd	57.57	60.62	-0.63	5.60
Japan	59.01	63.20	-0.41	..
UK Gwth	92.29	98.06	+0.08	1.25
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	89.05	94.71	-1.13	1.35
Amer Smlr Cos	149.90	159.90	-1.20	..
Capital Portfolio	168.50	178.70	+0.10	0.60
Cash	128.00	135.80	...	5.12
China Dragon	67.13	71.41	-0.56	1.35
Commodity	147.50	156.90	-0.50	..
Emerging Mkts	35.28	37.45	-0.30	0.02
European Gwth	240.20	255.50†	-2.70	0.20
Euro Smlr Cos	73.28	77.95	-0.46	0.24
Extra Income #	57.11	59.57†	-0.07	6.65
Far Eastern	105.20	112.80	-0.80	..
FE Sm Cos	42.07	44.78	-0.26	..
Financial Secs	313.80	333.90	-1.50	0.76
Gold & Exploration	104.10	110.70	-0.30	..
Growth	445.90	448.10	-0.90	1.76
High Income	40.10	42.78†	-0.19	7.36
High Yield #	269.20	280.60†	-0.29	2.58
Intl Bond	168.60	172.80	-1.50	5.91
ITO	270.70	263.80†	+0.10	0.56
Income #	135.30	143.70	-0.10	3.68
Japan Growth	167.40	177.80	-2.40	..
Japan Smaller	174.00	185.70	-2.60	...
Korea	43.54	46.32†	-1.10	..
Latin America	38.82	41.30	-0.37	0.81
Marketguard	65.05	68.38	-0.31	0.92
Premier Eq Gth	164.70	175.20		1.28
Premier Eq Inc #	367.90	391.40	-0.40	4.13
Scotyields #	286.70	305.00	-0.12	2.28
Select Intl	159.20	169.30	-1.00	0.65
Smaller Cos Inc #	263.60	280.70†	+0.30	0.59
SE Asia	50.21	53.42	-0.16	0.87
Southern Africa	50.91	54.16	-1.06	1.51
UK & Overs	199.80	212.40	-0.60	1.10
UK Eng Gth	83.18	88.47	-0.04	1.38
UK Eqty Inc #	250.50	270.16	-0.16	4.47
UK Gilt & Inc #	266.60	283.59		3.38
UK Sm Cos	61.20	65.21	+0.08	1.27
US Growth	217.60	231.50	-2.90	0.07
Univ Growth	166.30	176.50	-1.10	0.71
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	842.60	902.60†	-1.20	0.48
-do- Accum	379.82	401.65†	-1.33	0.48
European Gwth	91.18	96.67	-0.66	0.71
Euro Smlr Cos	112.24	119.40	-0.44	0.17
Far Eastern Gth	104.14	111.08	-0.28	...
-do- Accum	105.15	113.23	-0.28	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	52.20	54.90	+0.03	7.52
Global Bond #	48.28	50.92	-0.32	6.65
-do- Accum #	58.72	60.86	-0.39	6.05
Global Emg Mkts	52.60	56.00†	-0.25	...
-do- Accum	52.65	56.05†	-0.25	...
Income #	415.98	443.71	-1.69	4.96
-do- Accum #	834.08	815.62	-3.02	4.96
Japan Smlr Cos	385.35	411.83	-3.02	...
-do- Accum	385.12	411.85	-3.03	...
Japan Enterprise	58.95	62.69†	-0.67	...
Pacific Basin	158.23	168.84	-0.05	0.30
-do- Accum	164.84	175.83	-0.05	0.30
Portfolio	94.78	101.03	-0.38	1.71
-do- Accum	105.42	112.57	-0.43	1.71
Seoul	36.69	39.34	-0.30	...
-do- Accum	36.88	39.34	-0.30	...
Smaller Cos	328.88	351.88	-0.18	0.58
Strategic Inc	101.41	108.02	-0.37	2.97
Strategic Acc	102.26	108.80	-0.37	2.97
Tokyo	116.15	123.89	-0.79	...
-do- Accum	117.32	125.14	-0.80	...
UK Enterprise	337.52	360.02	-1.79	2.18
-do- Accum	417.10	444.50	-2.21	2.18
UK Equity	308.96	327.42	-1.26	2.47
-do- Accum	620.44	661.80	-2.35	2.47
US Smlr Cos	224.79	239.74†	-1.19	...
-do- Accum	224.76	239.74†	-1.19	...
Institutional Funds				
European	290.59	301.87	-1.44	1.38
-do- Accum	328.12	340.68	-1.62	1.38
Euro Smlr Cos	37.21	38.75	-0.06	1.07
-do- Accum	40.01	41.69	-0.08	1.07
Global Equity Inc	90.75	94.53†	-0.52	0.80
Japan Smlr Cos	34.06	35.47	-0.40	0.05
-do- Accum	34.93	36.38	-0.40	0.05
Mngd Balanced	224.96	234.33	-0.83	3.84
-do- Accum	264.35	275.37	-0.98	3.84
Overseas Equity	217.22	226.27	-1.16	1.06
-do- Accum	227.85	237.34	-1.24	1.06
Overs Smlr Cos	143.42	149.38	-0.66	0.85
-do- Accum	151.73	158.04	-0.66	0.85
Pacific	258.96	274.75†	+0.39	1.23
-do- Accum	315.71	328.85†	+0.39	1.23
Recovery	223.60	234.88	-0.33	2.89
-do- Accum	262.56	277.16	-0.36	2.89
UK Index	186.46	194.24	-0.24	3.48
-do- Accum	240.31	250.31†	-0.31	3.48
UK Small Cos	146.35	152.44	-0.12	2.34
-do- Accum	162.47	169.23	-0.13	2.34
US Smlr Cos	64.45	67.13†	-0.38	0.71
-do- Accum	66.20	68.90†	-0.39	0.71
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	58.96	63.41	+0.13	3.15
Equity Trust	77.32	81.71	-0.19	2.85
Equity Strategy	91.04	96.27	+0.10	1.25
European Opps	105.60	111.67	-0.74	0.59
UK Smaller Cos	79.86	84.45	+0.09	0.87
Meridian Inc	96.20	101.80	-0.01	6.44
Japanese	72.08	76.20	-0.53	..
Asia Pacific	124.31	131.45	-0.21	0.36
American	136.26	144.09	-1.03	0.14
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	33.48	33.48†		5.47
UK General Inc	62.69	65.77†	-0.10	3.34
-do- Accum	84.94	90.61†	-0.14	3.34
Intl Income	266.60	284.88†	-0.49	1.73
-do- Accum	508.99	539.14†	-0.72	1.73
European	102.49	108.50	-0.77	1.72
Japan	61.49	65.11†	-0.59	0.09
American	98.47	104.16†	-0.13	1.28
Far East	87.33	93.15	+0.08	1.34
Ethical Inc	41.37	44.24	+0.03	1.80
UK Blue Chip Inc	39.59	42.78†	-0.07	3.74
High Inc Inc	41.53	44.93†		3.86
UK Gilt Inc	47.98	51.17†	-0.15	2.12
Mmkt Trst	81.25	85.57	+0.02	1.76
Europe 2000 Trst	70.36	74.75	-0.41	1.33
Technology	152.07	162.86	-0.15	0.81
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	484.70	517.00	-1.20	3.19
American	356.10	377.40	-2.20	0.34
Pacific	395.30	422.00	-1.70	0.28
European	684.00	731.80	-4.80	0.90
Worldwide	99.95	106.90	-0.70	0.43
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	331.10	354.40	-0.90	1.97
-do- Accum	436.50	464.40	-1.20	1.97
UK Str Co Eq Inc	282.50	300.60	+0.40	1.09
-do- Accum	347.00	369.90	+0.90	1.09
Select Opprtny Inc	84.66	89.90	-0.29	1.67
Income Plus Inc	58.80	62.22		3.13
European Inc	429.90	461.40†	-3.10	0.80
-do- Accum	493.80	531.80†	-3.70	0.80
Far Eastern Inc	180.10	191.70†	+0.20	0.71
-do- Accum	208.90	222.30†	+0.40	0.71
Japanese Inc	55.82	59.38†	-0.59	..
Nth American Inc	330.70	351.70†	-1.80	0.15
-do- Accum	385.80	383.10†	-1.80	0.15

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.50	0.25
Wwide Venture Inc	[illegible]	19.03	-0.24	0.36
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 6754				
Equity Inc	432.50	[illegible]	-0.78	2.59
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.16	2.52
UK High Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.48	3.80
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.70	3.80
Europe Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3.92	0.59
Nth Amer Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.10	
Global Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.30	0.18
Global Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.40	0.18
UK Spec Sits Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.88
South East Asia	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.35	0.01
Cash Trust Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]		2.22
UK Smlr Cos Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.20	1.88
-do- Accum	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.10	1.88
Intl Bond Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3.30	5.17
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	[illegible]	169.60	-3.20	0.75
Nth American	[illegible]	151.95	-1.20	0.01
Intl Bond & Conv	126.40	132.10†	-0.50	6.65
Pacific Pension Gt	224.29	[illegible]		2.06
Smaller Cos	119.65	125.30	+0.80	0.29
UK General #	165.60	175.00†	-0.40	2.12
Far Eastern	91.75	96.58†	-0.21	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
UK Equity Inc ‡	187.84		...	4.17
Sterling Reserve ‡	121.63		+3.02	4.78
Preferred Income ‡	109.72		-0.44	5.11
Tax Pan ‡	105.87		-0.11	
Asian ‡	64.69		-0.05	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	127.42		-0.79	
European ‡	157.40		-0.99	
Global Bond ‡	97.79		-0.44	7.04
Sceptre ‡	54.16		-0.19	
UK Growth ‡	139.33		-0.27	2.63
UK Emerg Cmnies ‡	117.54		+0.33	2.54
Investment Trust ‡	112.59		-0.37	1.90
Bull Up ‡	98.23		+0.01	
Glob Gwth PEP	77.71	82.06	-0.23	1.19
Inv Trust PEP	57.35	61.01	-1.52	2.56
Pref Inc PEP #	104.39	110.90†		6.05
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	436.70	462.00	-1.20	
Capital	145.70	156.50	-0.10	1.37
Cash	100.69	100.69	+0.01	5.46
Emerging	162.80	172.20	-0.98	0.33
Far Eastern	155.40	164.30	-1.90	
Growth	165.80	175.40	+0.18	1.21
Income #	137.80	145.80		3.05
Magnum	154.18	164.60	-0.20	1.44
Smllr Secs	559.70	591.60†	+15.50	0.74
Thoroughbred	179.60	191.50†	-0.10	1.35
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Capital Preserve	57.40	61.30	-0.09	7.00
Ethical	82.30	88.02	+0.05	0.91
European Growth	82.08	86.95	-0.50	1.21
Income	81.36	85.51†	-0.07	3.82
Intl Growth	111.50	118.69	-0.70	1.26
Managed	93.60	99.38	-0.54	2.02
UK Growth	77.84	83.25	-0.22	1.90
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	48.27	48.51	-0.10	1.21
Global Advtg Acc	50.43	50.69	-0.10	1.21
Income Advtg Inc	35.68	35.86		3.71
Income Advtg Acc	41.87	42.02		3.71
UK Equity Gth Acc	103.10	109.30	+0.40	0.81
Premier Inc Inc	48.25	51.86	-0.20	6.98
Premier Inc Acc	52.81	55.58	-0.20	6.98
Managed Acc	63.87	68.71	-0.10	1.73
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	40.98	43.42†		3.76
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	54.64	57.92		3.76
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	78.06	83.76	-0.10	2.01
UK Equity Gen Inc	59.47	60.00†		2.01
Gilt & Fxd Int Acc	31.57	33.32†	-0.10	6.56
Overs Lrg Co Acc	359.80	380.49	-2.30	1.28
Nth American Acc	58.18	62.90	-0.10	..
Pacific Basin	44.53	47.32	-0.10	0.33
European Acc	59.85	63.69	-0.30	0.24
Japan Acc	25.23	26.81	-0.20	...
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (GBP)	4.705	4.992		1.88
[illegible]	3.587	3.775		0.77
Far East Eqty (usd)	262.80	279.30		1.22
FT Europe	153.69	162.59†		
FT N Amer (US$)	2.751	2.915		
FT Japan (yen)	231.20	244.28		
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	2.561	2.745†		1.53
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	536.20	568.00	-1.60	..
British #	1300.40	1379.00	-4.70	3.01
Emerging Mkts	158.00	168.30	-0.98	0.79
Euro Small Co	80.48	85.47†	-0.42	0.63
Japan	120.76	128.10	-1.50	..
New Pacific	431.50	459.50	+0.10	1.14
-do- Accum	464.20	494.40	+0.10	1.14
Inv Trust Acc	301.00	319.10	-0.70	1.23
Mngd Equity	208.10	218.60	-0.60	1.69
Mngd Cash	95.63	95.63	-0.02	5.31
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	1062.00	1130.00	-3.60	2.79
North America	202.50	216.60	-0.80	..
Far East	163.50	174.00	-0.60	..
Wwide Bond	97.39	97.73†	-0.41	..
European	130.60	140.50†	-1.20	0.64
Equity Income #	108.00	118.00		3.18
Portfolio	110.07	118.26	-0.40	1.64
UK Leading Cos	78.40	83.63	-0.23	3.52
Higher Inc Bond	48.98	50.02†	-0.13	6.71
[illegible]	[illegible]	81.71	+0.83	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 526 225				
Actuarial UT	23.57	25.08†	-0.07	0.82
Corp Bd Gth Inc	96.14	102.30	-0.34	7.29
Corp Bd & Gth Acc	109.32	109.02†	-0.38	7.29
European	48.06	51.80	-0.22	0.44
High Income	38.00	40.72	-0.05	4.96
Japan	31.77	33.74†	-0.32	0.01
Managed Assets	148.76	158.12	-0.58	2.43
North American	46.27	49.23†	-0.23	0.42
Smaller Co's Inc	37.67	40.11	+0.02	1.85
Smlr Co's Acc	41.32	44.03†	+0.01	1.85
UK Growth Inc	63.33	67.35	-0.16	2.51
UK Growth Acc	71.34	75.90†	-0.18	2.51
UK Income	40.98	43.59	+0.07	3.22
Worldwide Gth	40.78	43.62†	-0.16	0.01
SLC Pensions				
Asian & Oceanic Ex	32.01	33.00†	-0.14	1.55
European Exempt	85.60	88.66	-0.57	1.43
Japan Exempt	26.74	27.57†	-0.27	0.15
US Exempt	97.18	100.19†	-0.35	1.32
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Bluechip	57.19	60.84†	+0.24	
Cap Protector Inc	47.84	50.69†		2.80
UK Income Inc	61.07	64.97	-0.22	3.22
Mngd Glbl Inc #	35.36	37.42†	-0.08	6.76
Mngd High Yld Inc	89.51	95.22†	-0.15	4.43
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	86.82	92.18†	-0.22	3.37
UK Smaller Cos	42.05	44.73†	-0.04	1.70
Pacific Gth Port	51.19	54.46	+0.09	0.69
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 345 794				
American	311.82	329.96	-4.79	
-do- Accum	343.45	363.44	-5.27	
Gilt Growth	119.93	126.91†	-0.34	1.63
-do- Accum	150.00	158.73†	-0.42	1.63
European	125.18	132.47	-0.11	0.45
-do- Accum	133.71	141.49	-0.12	0.45
Extra Income #	205.99	217.98	-0.14	4.56
-do- Accum #	378.87	400.92	-0.25	4.56
Smaller Cos	94.54	100.05	+0.37	0.64
-do- Accum	108.39	114.70	+0.30	0.64
General	356.60	377.35	-0.99	1.95
-do- Accum	762.18	806.54	-2.10	1.95
Premier Income	51.22	53.35†	-0.15	6.34
-do- Accum	129.19	134.57†	-0.40	6.34
Income #	377.42	389.38	-0.78	3.18
-do- Accum #	872.65	923.44	-1.80	3.18
Pacific	405.21	428.80	-0.70	0.05
-do- Accum	425.78	450.56	-0.74	0.05
International	626.67	665.26†	-3.07	0.09
-do- Accum	828.35	876.57†	-4.05	0.09
Nat Resources	181.17	191.71†	+0.62	0.37
Gold Opps	127.78	135.22	-0.80	0.99
-do- Accum	168.72	178.54	-1.06	0.99
Environmental Inv	80.37	85.05	-0.13	0.89
Selector	74.28	78.60†	-0.17	1.37
-do- Accum	86.79	91.84†	-0.20	1.37
High Income	69.36	73.40	-0.08	4.20
-do- Accum	94.17	99.65	-0.12	4.20
Intl Income	62.19	65.81†	-0.39	4.78
-do- Accum	83.10	87.93†	-0.52	4.78
Selector Income	65.65	69.69†	-0.17	4.28
-do- Accum	83.71	88.58†	-0.21	4.28
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 657 1018				
British	410.10	431.88	-0.91	2.40
European	74.69	78.12†	+0.33	1.49
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	231.32	247.61	-1.25	2.37
Glob Balncd Inc	193.62	207.08†	-0.49	3.20
Value Tst Inc	143.12	153.02	-0.89	1.86
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	43.00	44.79	-0.27	5.90
European Growth	343.16	359.32	-2.14	1.00
Europe	680.71	711.13†	-2.04	3.20
Global Em Mkts	79.36	83.12	-0.50	0.68
Japan Tst	71.50	74.85	-0.65	
Little Dragons	95.80	100.10	-0.40	
Nth Amer Gwth	293.70	307.53	-1.89	0.50
Oriental Income #	45.15	47.27	-0.35	1.90
Preference	129.51	135.61†	-0.15	8.80
Tiger	294.77	308.66	-1.14	..
UK Blue Chip	78.44	82.13	-0.42	1.80
UK Growth	669.20	700.73†	-2.01	1.00
UK High Yield #	114.59	119.84†	-0.08	6.70
UK Mid-Cap	339.93	351.75	+0.09	1.70
UK Smlr Cos	135.65	142.04	+0.18	0.70
UK Smlr Cos Div #	92.27	97.14	+0.22	5.78
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 338				
UK Equity Income #	113.14	120.36	+0.14	5.69
UK Equity Growth	101.91	108.42	+0.13	2.94
European	76.92	81.83†	-0.44	1.34
Nth American	86.58	92.11	-0.61	0.12
Far Eastern	75.84	80.68	-0.41	0.71
Money	71.95	71.95	+0.01	4.82
Fixed Interest #	79.93	85.03	-0.24	7.59
Index Linked Gilt	72.78	77.43	-0.29	1.24
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	104.40	104.40†	+0.70	7.81
Pens Growth	99.44	99.51		..
Pens Inc Protct	108.60	108.60		..
UK Index Tracking @	129.96	129.96†	-0.09	2.91
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	27.34	28.77	-0.77	
Pacific Basin	41.13	43.29	-0.18	
Global Bond (US$)	0.9224	0.9609	-0.0082	..
Penny Share	44.27	46.53	-0.05	..
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Challenger				
Short Dtd Gilt	90.75	93.95†	+0.06	2.60
US Govt Bd (US$)	124.85	126.53	-0.10	
Gilt Income	0.7853	0.7855†	+0.02	
Gilt Growth	31.57	53.77	-0.15	
Sterling Bond	77.82	80.78	-0.17	
[illegible]	49.23	51.19	-0.10	6.70
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	55.36	58.75		1.89
UK Stockmarket	103.90	110.46		3.26
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■ THEATRE 1

Rostand's couplets are put through a Glasgow mincer in Communicado's bracing *Cyrano de Bergerac*

■ THEATRE 2

Lynn Redgrave muses poetically on her relationship with her daddy in *Shakespeare For My Father*

THE TIMES ARTS

■ OPERA 1

The Guildhall students sing Cavalli's *Calisto* well enough, but miss the humour

■ OPERA 2

... but British Youth Opera enters with gusto into Vaughan Williams's *Sir John in Love*

THEATRE: Rumbustious Scots let Cyrano slip from their grasp; Lynn Redgrave looks for paternal love

How to blow a Frenchman's nose

DONALD COOPER

Conked out: Tom Mannion gives a credible performance as Cyrano but the production lacks pathos

Cyrano de Bergerac
Almeida

The young Buñuel described Fritz Lang's *Metropolis* as "two films glued together by their bellies", and a similar comment could be made of Edmond Rostand's remarkable yet ridiculous "heroic comedy". One half of this monster presents the potentially fruitful story of a fright-faced man expressing his feelings for the woman he loves by composing letters for another man to send her in his own name. The other half can only repeat the 19th century's tired old fantasies of undying and selfless love. The genuine dramatic output of the first is frittered away in the soppiness of the second.

Communicado, the Scottish-based company that exhibits such a splendidly vigorous response to classic texts, boldly translating them into a broad local idiom and generally larking about the stage in uninhibited joy, has squeezed Rostand's couplets through a Glasgow mincer. Edwin Morgan (a Scot despite his surname) turns the mincer's handle and the result is a rumbustious, quirkily rhyming version that tosses the dialogue back and forth so giddily that sometimes three speakers contribute to a single line.

The rhymes can be groaningly dreadful. "You've made too many enemies," a friend tells Cyrano, who replies: "Why, how many tonight became venomous?" Morgan even comes up with a rhyme for his hero's name when Fiona Bell's Roxane, arranging for him to miss the Siege of Arras, admits that "he'll kill me for scratching his war, I know". It sounds almost passable in the Scottish.

Gerry Mulgrew's direction works hard to be as imaginative as the new text. Costumes cover a range of four centuries, from the Louis XIII wig and cloak of Rob Pickavance's suave Comte de Guiche through caps of liberty and a 1920s vamp to the studded leather jackets of the hyperactive cadets of Gascony. In the baffling first act, where characters with names like Carbon de Castel-Jaloux come and go, Mulgrew makes it difficult to tell what is actually going on. Who are these people? When will the plot begin?

Gordon Davidson's sets, consisting of endlessly rearrangeable wooden shapes, suggest a similar restlessness, though it is enjoyable to watch them being turned around so that fairground booths become a pastry cook's shop-windows, Roxane's balcony, the redoubt at Arras and finally the cloisters where the widowed Roxane mourns her dead love for 14 years, before Cyrano, dying alongside her, reveals the truth he has fatuously concealed.

I say fatuous because the rough and earthy text works against the play's romantic assumptions. Tom Mannion, an actor I greatly admire for his strength and subtlety, equipped for Cyrano with a nose like a dodo's beak, credibly suggests the alarm of a man losing his identity by loving for a rival. But his general behaviour is just too quick and canny to convince us that eternal self-sacrifice can be part of his emotional constitution.

The evening does have its amusing moments, briskly performed by a cast who will readily pick up a trombone or sax for a jazz interlude, but only rarely did I sense the pathos, or even the harsh ironies of fate, that the play is said to have disclosed to audiences of yore.

JEREMY KINGSTON

I want to be Daddy's girl

At first it looks like a moon seen through haze. Then the silvery shape on the black curtain behind the Haymarket stage becomes a bit brighter, and is vestigially recognisable as the face of the man Lynn Redgrave is about ruefully to celebrate from down front. It belongs to her father, and comes and goes during her one-woman show. And that is as it should be, for Lynn's message is that Sir Michael was inscrutable, faintly discernible through the clouds, never someone easy to reach or openly to love.

Redgrave's *Shakespeare For My Father* has had considerable success in America, but has taken its time to reach the city and one of the theatres where Sir Michael established himself as the most emotionally ravaged of the great actors. It was worth the wait, for it combines wit, technical skill and human feeling. The format, in which Redgrave slips intermittently from reminiscence to Shakespearean speech, sometimes seems a mite contrived. But who cares, when she effectively communicates her desperate yearning for a father who was a father rather than a series of gorgeous roles?

She cuts a fine, sure figure these days, but as a child she thought of herself as "round and glum, like a mushroom". When she was born, her father's diary mentioned lunching at the Garrick but not her arrival. When she was Theseus in a school play, the seat reserved for him stayed empty. He was a daunting, charismatic figure she hero-worshipped from afar, but only towards the end, when he was succumbing to Parkinson's disease, did she and he appear to have exchanged words of love.

The evening is sometimes heartchurning, but laughter is never far off. Sometimes this is blackish, as when the dying Michael believes his hospital bed to be a stage fenced off by curtains through which it is unprofessional to peek. But often the memories are straightforwardly funny. For instance, Redgrave recalls an anxious Noel Coward begging the cast of *Hay Fever* to treat the difficult Edith Evans as a harmless old cow: "Come along, carrots and sugar for Edith!"

Redgrave is a good mimic and

Shakespeare For My Father
Haymarket

gives nice impressions of Evans, Olivier and Tony Richardson telling her to play Helena in *The Dream* "as a giraffe". As the Viola who cannot tell her love, or the forgiving Cordelia, she makes you feel it is a pity she has tackled Shakespeare so seldom. But the evening is less about herself than about her search for her dad. Did you know that Sir Michael's recurring nightmare was looking into a dressing-room mirror before going on as Hamlet, and seeing his make-up and his face pour down his chest, leaving a blank in their place? If he eluded his daughter, he also eluded himself.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DONALD COOPER

Lynn Redgrave in the shadow of Sir Michael: wit and feeling

OPERA: Good music but poor taste from a student version of Cavalli; exuberant fun from Vaughan Williams; and a banal computer-generated premiere

All straps and studs

La Calisto
Guildhall School of Music and Drama

HUMOUR is a funny thing at the best of times: Latino-Mediterranean humour is funnier than most other sorts, and something that Anglo-Saxons find it hard to reproduce. Giovanni Faustini's libretto for Cavalli's *Calisto* (1651) is wickedly witty and sophisticated, its tastelessness tastefully understated.

Both Peter Hall and David Freeman in their very different ways found a kind of matching style in earlier stagings, but in the hands of the GSMD's production team the anarchic gender couplings set off by Jove's disguise as Diana emerge as merely dour and mucky. A vein of fetishism in the costumes seemed inappropriate — Jove wore shiny high-heeled boots — and the Sylvans' beating-up of Endymion was downright offensive. Call me old-fashioned, but some things are best left to consenting adults in private.

Musically the evening is rather happier. Nicholas Kok conducts Paul Daniel's performing edition, originally made for Opera Factory, with fluent ease, and the small ensemble — just two violins plus continuo — produces a properly authentic sound. It was bold to perform the opera in Anne Ridler's English translation given that half the principals were from abroad; I suppose that the way things are going nowadays only foreigners can scrape together the fees, a nice compliment to our colleges but perhaps not what they are primarily designed for.

Singing 17th-century opera in so pure an edition certainly separates sheep from goats. This has less to do with nationality or clarity of diction than with actually *thinking* the words and what they mean. Emer McGilloway led the field with her crisply projected Juno, every consonant neatly in place, every line milked for its meaning through velvety, firmly moulded mezzo tone. The Lithuanian soprano Liubov Chuchrova matched her in clarity and communicativeness as a burly Satirino, and William Purefoy's Endymion was equally immediate in delivery; his counter-tenor is forward and bright rather than hooty-through-the-head.

There were other fine voices on show, but with impressive vocal rather than communication cords. The Swedish soprano Magdalena Bränland fielded gleaming tone as Diana, and her compatriot Marie Birve was only marginally less accomplished in the title role (a clear top, as yet cloudy bottom). The German-born bass Panito Iconomou boomed sonorously as Jove, and the Australian tenor Christopher Saunders displayed an ease in the upper register that should stand him in good stead in the French Baroque repertory.

Those with a penchant for straps, studs and a bit of fladge might like to know that there are repeat performances today and tomorrow; those interested in Venetian opera may prefer to stay away.

RODNEY MILNES

Knight on the town

Sir John in Love
Sheldonian, Oxford

YOU have to hand it to Vaughan Williams for sheer, ruddy-faced cheek. Only 30 years after the premiere of Verdi's masterpiece, *Falstaff*, RVW strides out fearlessly over exactly the same Shakespearean ground.

The unique and sprawling hybrid of ballad opera, incidental music and *Merrie England*-style numbers which is *Sir John in Love* has only ever seen two professional staged productions. While Vaughan Williams may well have stopped short at making claims for the work quite as elevated as those paraded in British Youth Opera's programme notes, I suspect he would have had nothing but warm admiration for the spirited concert performance which the company brought to Oxford and London.

The opera's central shortcoming is simple: there are too many characters and not enough characterisation. The ear is constantly drawn away from the foreground action to the background panorama: those great orchestral backdrops of modal melody, rolling smooth as chalk downland, or busily woven as a mock-Tudor tapestry of strong, folksy threads. But to refocus our attention Timothy Dean, conducting, helpfully introduced the 18 characters whose constant bustle of exits and entrances and moments of comic business worked far harder to engage the audience than did a note of Vaughan Williams's score itself.

With not a second of music to woo us over to his side, Andrew Shore simply rode through his robust and fulsome writing with confidence and flair. No matter, either, that Fenton's lovesong to Anne was undercut by the singalong chorus: Andrew Mackenzie-Wicks's ardent tenor and Helen Lothian's clear soprano gave bright outline to their characters.

The fragrance of Vaughan Williams's pot-pourri of nine folksongs-for-the-spotting, extra Shakespeare ditties, and odd petals from other men's flowers (Jonson, Middleton and Marlowe) constantly distracts the listener from emotional engagement. Yet Joanna Campion as Mistress Quickly (a lustrous mezzo talent to watch out for), Louise Armit's lively Mrs Ford (she has the famous *Greensleeves* plum), and Henry Moss's elegant tenor Slender worked particularly hard to animate their cameos. For all its frustrations and longueurs, *Sir John* was a cunning choice for the many young and eager voices of British Youth Opera and, thanks to the outstanding playing of the Oxford University Chamber Orchestra, provided an evening of unexpected rewards.

HILARY FINCH

Which way to the exit?

The Master and Margarita
The Place

THREE weeks of opera, music theatre and contemporary music at The Place began inauspiciously with a new opera of rare mediocrity, *Hilary Finch writes*. New Millennium Opera took it upon itself to present the premiere of *The Master and Margarita*, a numbing tribute by Darryl Way (of Curved Air fame) to Mikhail Bulgakov's surreal and satirical novel.

Inspired by David Graham-Young's stage adaptation, Way sought to enhance the tale by adding music. Here are the extraordinarily imaginative and Chagallesque images of Pontius Pilate watched by a poet in Gorky Park; of black magic at the Moscow Variety Theatre; of flying witches and informing black cats. And all dragged down by a lazy, unselfcritical score in which quasi-minimalist figures chunter endlessly below long stretches of ill-directed dialogue, drab melodies, limited chord sequences and unchanging tempos.

The entire score is keyboard and computer-generated, and prerecorded, to which the singers sing along. Every bar, save a limping waltz-song for Margarita (Fiona Rose) and an embarrassing dance in the flat of the sinister Woland (Deryck Hamon), is characterised by an unchanging four beats. They are conducted by Mark Etherington, who sits rigidly in front of a keyboard which he never touches.

A narrator (Thomas Wheatley) and a series of light-projected backdrops narrate the drama which the score, and Graham-Young's inept production, are impotent to convey. Poor Master, poor Margarita. And poor little Lauren and Rosie who, the programme tells us, heroically stayed "out of Daddy's studio when he was working". One second spent in their presence would, I suspect, have been worth more than this two-hour celebration of banality.

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■ POP 1

First they saw Take That in action, then they tried it for themselves. Now Orlando notch up their second release

■ POP 2

From the Geordie country sounds of Jimmy Nail on his new *Crocodile Shoes* CD . . .

THE TIMES POP ARTS

■ POP 3

. . . and the soldierly lyricism of Robson and Jerome in duet mode . . .

■ POP 4

. . . to the muscular ditties of the Gladiators: a TV series is a sure way to sell a pop album

Who's as fey as Virginia Woolf?

Orlando have a simple ambition – to become Stock, Aitken and Waterman, but with make-up

Britpop is becoming awfully wearying — an hour of Radio 1 is like listening to a series of terrace chants set to a Status Quo B-side. This stomping and clomping is all very well if you're in a gang, on the crest of a wave and beered up to the eyebrows: but leaves very little room for those who are stranded in small towns, full of self-doubt. The boorish climate of the charts has rather alienated those who provide pop's greatest impetus — the weeds, the loners, the freaks, the over-read and underfed.

Previously, the poetry readers and the self-hate breeders would look to the Manic Street Preachers and Suede for succour. These were gigs that were "safe" to go to: you wouldn't get beaten up for wearing nuclear-strength make-up and a wedding dress, and the lyrics and imagery were a liferaft in the choppy seas of adolescence.

But with success came fans who "weren't into" the ethos, just the music. Suddenly, even gigs by these bands were filled with the kind of people you have to watch nervously — moustaches, blouson leather jackets and a pint in each fist. And so the weird have had to look elsewhere for their heroes.

Orlando are the first post-Suede band to issue a rallying call. Pretty much every gig in London for the past year has had the Orlando Moment: two tall, besuited men, the photographic negative of each other, sweep into the room. Dickon acts like David Bowie's ghost, had Bowie died on the set of *The Man who Fell to Earth*: yellow meringue hair and a furled umbrella, spooked eyes and an awkward self-possession. Tim is vaguely aquatic — as if he'd spent a portion of his life in a tank — with a black curtain of hair and huge, humorous eyes. Both have bodies that are ganglesome and lank, raised on the wholesome British diet of white bread and butter, tea and cigarettes.

Their debut single, *Just For a Second*, was a glorious

CAITLIN MORAN

disco drama with a thread of barely repressed hysteria. Marc Almond will cover it at some point, and then it will stay at No 5 for three weeks. Unfortunately, Orlando didn't get the chance to take it into the charts themselves, as their record company underestimated how well it would sell, and simply didn't press enough copies to meet demand.

"We'll rerelease it at some point," Tim says. "I really want it to be a huge hit, so it can be playing as I enter a school reunion. I've spent a lot of time imagining that school reunion — I'll have a supermodel on one arm, and a leopard on a lead. I may later release the leopard among the more cynical of my former peers."

Tim and Dickon were both outsiders at school. Dickon, primarily because he was called Dickon, was beaten up every day. Figuring this was never going to change, he came out at 15 and "gave them a reason". Tim was moved from a condemned house to a rough council estate, and, as a frail boy, was frequently booted.

Dickon decided that his band was to be called Orlando, and auditioned "all the good-looking men" for his lead singer. But, as they were largely unwilling to sing his anthems of self-loathing and desperation, he was still without a singer until he met Tim in London. After seeing Take That at Wembley, Orlando were spurred into action.

A deal with Warner Bros swiftly followed their appearance on the cover of *Melody Maker*, allowing them to branch out into their other interests. "We're writing songs for the next Boyzone album," Tim says. "The aim is to become Stock, Aitken and Waterman, but with make-up."

On the evidence of their second release, *The Magic EP*, that shouldn't be a problem. The first track, *Don't Kill My Rage*, is like a classy, disco-pop Smiths. Swivelling 180 degrees, *Fatal* is a muscled, febrile slice of menacing swingboat. Hearing Tim sing these songs is a joy — it seems every note and emotion is within his range. Such eclecticism, however, will make things difficult.

"We're a cause, though," Tim says. "I've just thought of that. Orlando are a cause."

● The Magic EP *is released on Monday by Blanco y Negro*

Hit songs are just a big act

So you wanna be a rock'n'roll star? Get yourself into a TV series, says **Alan Jackson**

Record retailers who read the pop industry's trade paper *Music Week* have been left in no doubt as to why they should bulk-order Jimmy Nail's new LP *Crocodile Shoes II* (out on Monday). "This is the ultimate TV advertised album!" boasted the full-page colour advertisement, and for once the hyperbole was justifed. After all, last night a helpful BBC began screening the six-part follow-up to Nail's earlier *Crocodile Shoes* series (itself the parent of a million-selling soundtrack), with prime-time exposure guaranteed right until that moment when Santa loads the last gift-wrapped CD on to the sleigh and sets about harnessing up his reindeers.

> ❛ A single by the actress who plays a barmaid in *Heartbeat* is on its way ❜

Clever Mr Nail for coming up with the idea of a drama based on the rise and subsequent fall of factory worker-turned-C&W star Jed Sheppard in the first place, let alone for then writing, producing and starring in it. The stroke of genius, though, was in making his character a singer-songwriter. Were Sheppard an aspiring novelist, would we be hurrying out to buy the would-be Booker winner we'd seen him labouring over on-screen? But stick someone on TV in the guise of a singer, and let them perform a half-decent song — even if it's only half-decently — and punters will fight to part with their money.

Nail was a regular on the R&B circuit in his native Newcastle long before he found fame as brickie Oz in *Auf Wiedersehen, Pet*. But it was two years of national exposure in the role that gave him the platform to cover Rose Royce's *Love Don't Live Here Anymore* and reach the Top Three in 1985.

That he was able subsequently to generate a hit in his own right was proved conclusively by 1992's *Ain't No Doubt*, which topped the charts despite no TV tie-in. Similarly, his largely self-written 1995 LP *Big River* achieved platinum status on its own merits. But Elyse Taylor, marketing director for Nail's record label, East West, admits that prolonged TV exposure was the extra element "which allowed the original *Crocodile Shoes* to lift off into the stratosphere". And at no additional expense to her company.

"I haven't even tried to calculate what would have been the cost to us of guaranteeing that amount of peak-time publicity for the LP but, suffice to say, it would be way beyond any budget we might have to spend," Taylor says.

But if she is appreciative of the benefits of this synergy between pop and TV, Simon Cowell would appear to be building a career on it. "Ten years ago, while working for a small label called Fanfare, I first became aware of radio's growing hostility towards straightforward pop music," says Cowell, who works in the artists and repertoire division of the company BMG. "I was involved in two huge hits by Sinitta, *So Macho* and *Toy Boy*. Those records sold like mad, but got only a couple of plays a week on Radio 1, simply because they weren't to the station's personal taste. That they could still do so well thanks to TV exposure set me thinking."

Cowell joined BMG in 1991 and, having noticed that the World Wrestling Federation was pulling in audiences of more than 600,000 ("most of them totally fanatical kids") per show on Sky TV, signed up its main names, called them WWF Superstars and was rewarded with a No 4 hit, *Slam Jam*. Later there would follow two other youth-cult tie-ins: the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers' track *Power Rangers*, and Zig and Zag's *Them Girls, Them Girls*, both of which made the Top Ten in 1994.

His biggest success, though, came from monitoring viewer reaction to an episode of the drama series *Soldier, Soldier*. On the show, actors Robson Green and Jerome Flynn performed the modern standard *Unchained Melody* — and the next day fans were at record store counters across the country, asking if it was available.

Television success as an actor has helped Jimmy Nail to hit the heights as a singer

Thanks to Cowell, it soon was, as was an album. Both became million-selling chart-toppers in the run-up to last Christmas. A year later Robson and Jerome are back: their current hit *What Becomes of the Broken Hearted* has had two weeks at No 1, and first-week sales of around 750,000 for the follow-up LP, *Take Two*, have put it No 2 in the album chart.

Given such resounding success, you might expect Cowell to be resting on his laurels, but no. Another single, *Hillbilly Rock, Hillbilly Roll* by the Woolpackers ("as seen on *Emmerdale*"), debuted in the Top Ten last Sunday, while a nation waits in breathless anticipation for cover versions of Thin Lizzy's *The Boys are Back in Town* by the Gladiators, and the Supremes' *Where Did Our Love Go*, by actress Tricia Penrose (you know — the barmaid in *Heartbeat*).

Does Cowell not fear prosecution for crimes against popular music? "Some people love these records," others will loathe them," he says. "But as long as enough want to buy them, they serve their purpose."

Now he is busy with preparations for Christmas 1997. What TV-related horrors — er, delights — will he be unleashing on us then? "Even if I wanted to tell you, I couldn't," he says. "I haven't quite got all the acts signed up yet."

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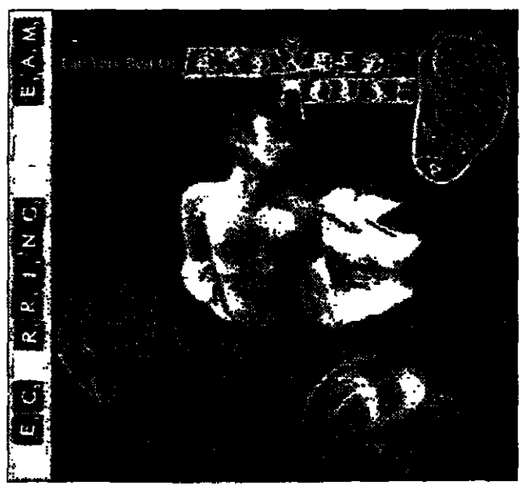

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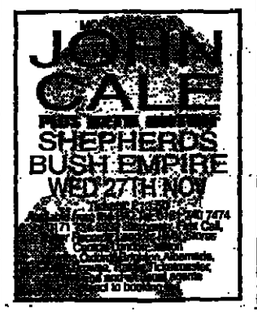

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CHANGING TIMES

■ POP 5

The Lightning Seeds invite the listener to hum along on their latest release, *Dizzy Heights*

■ POP 6

... while the Pink Floyd veteran Rick Wright makes his most determined bid yet to find stardom as a soloist

THE TIMES POP ARTS

■ POP 7

Singer Kevin Salem delivers plenty of raw, old-fashioned rock'n'roll on his new *Glimmer*

■ POP 8

... and Johnny Cash assembles the most extraordinary range of material ever marshalled by a country singer

POP ALBUMS: More artifice, less heart from the Lightning Seeds – so **David Sinclair** puts all his money on Cash

We won't miss the prime of Ian Broudie

LIGHTNING SEEDS
Dizzy Heights
(Epic 486640 £13.99)

WHEN they write the history of Britpop, the Lightning Seeds will be remembered as one of those groups who, despite their stature at the time, cast virtually no shadow. Rather like ELO in the 1970s, Ian Broudie and his cohorts effortlessly distil a shrewd songwriting skill into quality three-minute pop tunes that fit seamlessly into the current scheme of things. But no one will ever cite them as an influence or suggest that they were one of the prime movers in events going on around them.

Like *Jollification* before it, *Dizzy Heights* is an undemanding collection of songs, crisply produced by Broudie, Simon Rogers and Dave Bascombe, that invite the listener to tap a toe or hum along, but which betray a lack of original inspiration.

Broudie's bright, personality-free singing style is perfectly suited to lyrics which sound dramatic, but actually say very little. "Instead of making me glad/It's driving me mad," he sings in *Fingers and Thumbs*, one of the more cleverly organised numbers.

Even when he does get his teeth into something more substantial, such as Nicky Wire's typically hungover lyric to *Waiting for Today to Happen* or the barbed musings of *Sugar Coated Iceberg* (co-written by Babybird), Broudie still makes the whole thing sound unerringly like business as usual.

Business as usual from Ian Broudie (second from left) and the Lightning Seeds on their latest waxing, *Dizzy Heights*

RICK WRIGHT
Broken China
(EMI 8 53645 £15.49)

FOREVER cast in the bridesmaid's role when it comes to writing for Pink Floyd, keyboard player Rick Wright makes his most determined bid yet to reach the altar with his third solo album. A slowly unfurling odyssey which explores the frankly unpromising theme of depression — from its childhood origins to the fragmentation of personality which ensues in adult life — *Broken China*'s sombre tone and measured gait will be familiar to Floyd fans, if a somewhat daunting prospect for anyone else.

The lyrics, written by former Floyd collaborator Anthony Moore, are sung for the most part by Wright apparently masquerading as an undertaker. Apart from a momentary uplift at the end, they conjure an unremitting sense of gloom, and even Sinéad O'Connor, who sings two of the tracks, seems emotionally overwhelmed by such dolorous lines as: "I know it's not terminal/But I'm near half-dead with fright/And freezing cold." So, although sumptuously played and presented, this is not an album that brings much cheer, seasonal or otherwise.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Spice	Spice Girls (Virgin)
2	Take Two	Robson & Jerome (RCA)
3	Around the World	East 17 (London)
4	Blue is the Colour	Beautiful South (Go! Discs)
5	Greatest Hits	Simply Red (East West)
6	A Different Beat	Boyzone (Polydor)
7	Falling into You	Celine Dion (Epic)
8	If We Fall in Love Tonight	Rod Stewart (Warner Bros)
9	Christmas Party	Smurfs (EMI TV)
10	Ocean Drive	Lighthouse Family

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KEVIN SALEM
Glimmer
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A BLUESY guitar chord sidles up to the note, a reedy harmonica blows like the ghost of Dylan past, and then a throaty American voice starts singing: "They shoot down angels around here for laughs/Bury dark horses just for running past." Liberally laced with soaring guitar breaks and bolstered by the rhythm guitar playing of Crazy Horse's Frank "Poncho" Sampedro, the song, which is called *Run Run Run*, is just about the perfect opening shot for an album of raw, old-fashioned, desperado rock'n'roll. It is certainly not the sort of thing you would expect to hear from a singer called Kevin.

Salem has played with a succession of critically acclaimed under-achievers, notably Dumptruck, Freedy Johnston and Yo La Tengo, as well as producing the debut album by Madder Rose. His second album in his own right, *Glimmer* fuses the songwriting craft of Paul Westerberg with the gung-ho spirit of vintage Neil Young (the album is produced by Young's former associate Niko Bolas).

While none of the ensuing tracks quite scale the dizzy heights of *Run Run Run*, there are some marvellous moments, especially on the slow, shambling ballad, *Trouble*, where glistening clusters of notes from David Mansfield's pedal steel fall like tears on the dusty ground.

JOHNNY CASH
Unchained
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CONTINUING the unlikely renaissance that began with his 1994 album *American Recordings*, Johnny Cash here assembles possibly the most extraordinary range of material ever marshalled by a country singer of any vintage, and interprets it all brilliantly.

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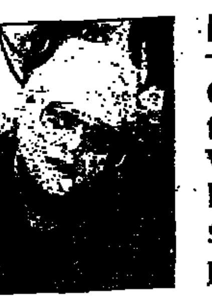

■ MUSIC

Coals to Newcastle: the US composer William Bolcom is bringing his vast setting of Blake's poetry to London

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

THE NUN Greenwich Studio Theatre in Exile revives Margaret Forsyth's impressive production of Diderot's study of pain and passion behind the convent walls
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223) Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat 7.30pm Sun 5.30pm

POETRY IN MOTION On Sunday, at 7pm, Leonard Slatkin will conduct the BBC Symphony Orchestra in the British premiere of **Songs of Innocence and Experience**, William Bolcom's dramatic setting of the visionary poems of William Blake. See feature, right **Festival Hall**, South Bank, London SE1 (0171-960 4242)

WIGMORE RECITALS The Wigmore Hall is the venue for not one, but two anniversary celebrations this weekend. Tonight, at 7.30pm the vocal ensemble **I Fagiolini** celebrates its tenth anniversary. The eight singers will perform a programme of works by Flecha, Adrian Williams and Roderick Williams, together with madrigals and motets by Monteverdi, Schutz, Byrd and de Wert. At 7.30pm tomorrow the **Brahms Festival** gets underway. The noted Hungarian pianist Andras Schiff directs the first in a series of concerts (also on November 19, 21, 23 and 26) to mark the 100th anniversary of the composer's death next year
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street (0171-935 2141) Today and tomorrow

ELSEWHERE

ABERDEEN Kokuma Dance Theatre demonstrates its reputation for bold, exuberant choreography in *Reflections*, a collection of the best of the company's rich, colourful dances
Lemon Tree, West North Street (01224 642230/641122) Tomorrow, 7.30pm
Next in **Worcester**, Swan (01905 27322), November 23

CARDIFF Tadaaki Otaka conducts the **BBC National Orchestra of Wales** in a diverse programme, including Milhaud's *Le boeuf sur le toit*, Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and Debussy's beautiful depiction of the sea, *La Mer*. Kathryn Stott gives the first performance in Cardiff of *The Piano Concerto* by Michael Nyman, which includes music from Jane Campion's award-winning film, *The Piano*
St David's Hall, The Hayes (01222 878444) Tonight, 7.30pm

MANCHESTER A new exhibition of works by **David Hockney** opens on Sunday. *You Make the Picture* examines the celebrated artist's visually rich, sensual later works, many of which are being shown for the first time. Paul Melia has chosen a fascinating selection of paintings, photo-collages, xerographs, fax prints and lithographs, from 1982-95, to illustrate Hockney's growing pre-occupation with subverting perspective in order to encourage interaction with his paintings
Manchester City Art Galleries, Princess Street (0161-236 5244) Mon, 11am-5.30pm, Tues-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, Sun, 2-5.30pm Until February 2

Also in **Manchester**, the Nynex is the venue for the start of a nationwide Arena tour by American country music greats **Kenny Rogers**, **Tammy Wynette** and **Glen Campbell**. This evening's concert is followed by dates at the SECC, Glasgow (tomorrow), NEC, Birmingham (Sunday), Wembley Arena (Monday), BIC Bournemouth (Tuesday)
Nynex (0161-930 8000/832 1111) Tonight, 7.30pm

LONDON GALLERIES

Anthony d'Offay: Tatsuo Miyajima (0171-499 4100) **British Museum**: Mysteries of Ancient China (0171-636 1555) .. **Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design** Foundation Show (0171-514 7000) **Festival Hall** Masks '96 (0171-960 4242) **Hayward**. Antony Gormley: Field for the British Isles (0171-928 3144) . **Lisson**: Lee Ufan, Alan Johnston (0171-724 2739) **Portal** Barry and Philip Castle (0171-493 0706)

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **THE ALCHEMIST** Simon Callow, Josie Lawrence and Tim Pigott-Smith in Bill Alexander's Jonson production from Birmingham Rep, set in a post-apocalyptic future.
National (Olivier) South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight-Wed, 7.15pm, mats Sat and Wed, 2pm. In rep.

◪ **ART** Albert Finney, Tom Courtenay and Ken Stott in an exceptionally interesting drama about friendship, unspoken resentment and an almost all-white canvas. Matthew Warchus directs
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 *(0171-369 1736) Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats* Wed, 3pm, Sat and Sun, 5pm

☐ **BURIED TREASURE** Latest play by David Ashton, back in western Scotland where God and the Devil (ie kirk and ballroom) are embattled. Robin Lefèvre directs "a west coast *High Noon*" for the Bush Theatre in exile
Lyric Theatre Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Last performances tonight and tomorrow, 8pm

☐ **DARKTALES** First play by Tim Arthur, a two-hander for Andrew Hall and Jamie Hinde playing two horror novelists with a secret in common
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 2132) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 5.30pm.

☐ **A DOLL'S HOUSE** Janet McTeer slams *the door in Anthony Page's* production of Ibsen's proto-feminist drama. Owen Teale plays her husband, with John Carlisle as Dr Rank.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm

☐ **LAUGHTER ON THE 23RD FLOOR** Neil Simon's funny account of working among a team of scriptwriters for comedian Sid Caesar back in the 1950s. Gene Wilder plays Sid
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat 4pm

◪ **MACBETH** Fascinating production by Tim Albery, with Roger Allam and Brid Brennan as Mr and Mrs Thane. Adrian Schiller is the funniest Porter ever seen
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm. In rep

☐ **MOJO** Second chance to see the *multi-award-winning Jez Butterworth's* hair-raising play, set in Soho gangland
Royal Court Theatre Downstairs (Duke of York's), St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000) Last performances tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm.

☐ **SCROOGE** Anthony Newley back on the West End stage singing the title role in the Leslie Bricusse musical
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (0171-636 2295) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm.

☐ **UNCLE VANYA** Bill Bryden's starry Chichester cast: Frances Barber, *Constance Cummings, Trevor Eve,* Derek Jacobi, Peggy Mount, Imogen Stubbs, with Richard Johnson in place of Alec McCowen
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Ends tomorrow

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **Buddy** Strand (0171-930 8800) ☐ **The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)** Criterion (0171-369 1737) .. ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner** Duchess (0171-494 5070) ◪ **Grease** Cambridge (0171-494 5080) ☐ **An Ideal Husband** Old Vic (0171-928 7616) ◪ **An Inspector Calls** Garrick (0171-494 5085) ☐ **The Mousetrap** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ◪ **Oliver!** Palladium (0171-494 5020)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE DAY THE SUN TURNED COLD (12) Spellbinding Hong Kong drama about family violence, secret love and murder, set in China's shivering northeast. Director, Yim Ho.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721)

◆ **THE FIRST WIVES CLUB** (PG): Broad comedy about vengeful Manhattan wives, with juicy parts for Diane Keaton, Bette Midler and Goldie Hawn. Director, Hugh Wilson
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◆ **THE ISLAND OF DR MOREAU** (12) Part-silly, part-nasty adaptation of H G Wells's tale, with Marlon Brando, Val Kilmer and David Thewlis. Director, John Frankenheimer
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TRUE BLUE (15) *Chariots of Fire* on the River Thames: a conventional account of the 1987 mutiny among Oxford's boat race team. With Johan Leysen and Dominic West
Odeon Leicester Square (01426 915683)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO** (U) Pleasant new version of the classic tale, mixing humans (Martin Landau, Genevieve Bujold) and animatronics. Director, Steve Barron.
Rio (0171-254 6677) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **THE CRAFT** (15): High school misfits delve into witchcraft. Routine fare with bright moments. With Fairuza Balk. Robin Tunney, director, Andrew Fleming.
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◆ **JACK** (PG) Joys and pains of a child with an ageing disorder, played by Robin Williams. Mawkish comedy from director Francis Ford Coppola.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888990) **Virgin Trocadero** (0171-434 0031)

◆ **MICHAEL COLLINS** (15) Action ousts politics in Neil Jordan's epic. With Liam Neeson as the Irish revolutionary.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Ritzy** (0171-737 121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888990) **Virgins: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

THE PILLOW BOOK (18): Astounding Peter Greenaway film inspired by an ancient Japanese text. With Vivien Wu and Ewan McGregor.
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MUSIC IN LONDON: A three-hour epic previewed; the Takacs Quartet reviewed

Charioteer of fire

A huge choral setting of William Blake comes to London on Sunday. John Allison reports

Sunday on the South Bank sees one of the biggest events of the musical season: the first performance here of the American composer William Bolcom's *Songs of Innocence and Experience*. The work is big in every sense of the word, and at this concert Leonard Slatkin will be conducting a BBC Symphony Orchestra augmented to include a battery of brass and percussion, organ and electric guitar, vocal soloists, a rock singer and narrator, plus three choirs. But there is more to Bolcom's three-hour epic than logistics. It has been described by the critic of *The Boston Globe* as "the largest and the greatest achievement of synthesis in American music since *Porgy and Bess*".

The 58-year-old composer is shy *about such comparisons*, and a little apprehensive about bringing his William Blake settings to London. "I feel I'm carrying coals to Newcastle. What is everybody going to think of this upstart American coming in and dealing with old Billy on his home territory?" Blake's visionary poetry may be familiar here, but we need to hear more of Bolcom, who was last in London two-and-a-half years ago for a cabaret concert with his wife, the singer Joan Morris. He has written prolifically for most genres and is an engaging composer, a latter-day Ives open to all kinds of American music.

All kinds of music certainly feature in *Songs of Innocence and Experience*, which remains — so far — his grand work. Bolcom was a freshman at college in his native Seattle when, in 1956, he set a few of the poems to music. But most were composed during the 1970s. The piece was premiered in Stuttgart in 1984, and given again shortly afterwards at the University of *Michigan, where Bolcom teaches*. "I'd used the Michigan forces as a kind of template for my orchestration — the brass and percussion bias is typical of a Midwestern university. I write for performers, for a violinist, not a violin. One of the big lies of the world is that one size fits all. You can't write music like that — it would all sound generic."

Countless composers have set poems from these Blake cycles, but none more systematically than Bolcom, who was drawn to them as a teenager. "I fell in love with Blake, and read all I could get my hands on. I was lucky that at university they allowed me into the poetry class. *I didn't pretend to become* a poet, but I learnt how to write it, to understand how it's made. That made me more sensitive in setting it."

Blake's diverse forms are matched in musical styles, including jazz and reggae, rock and country. But the poetry had a much wider influence on Bolcom, who admits that it shaped his whole musical personality. "My polystylism came, if anything, from Blake. I was driven to it because of the poems ... I realised it was the progenitor of a lot of my attitudes. I've always disliked the barriers we've imposed on music.

"We've become too stratified in our notions about what makes music classical or popular. The whole classical business stinks pretty much — it's been too successful in separating itself. Even the avant-garde is dealing with 19th-century 'isms' taken to extremes. We've just been through a long mannerist period, which was necessary. But now we're on to the next step, the kind of fusion which I think Blake taught me. I wasn't able to separate my interest in different kinds of music, and *I'm encouraged that many composers* I teach today feel the same way."

ROBIN MAYES

William Bolcom, the composer of Songs of Innocence and Experience

Bolcom's teachers included Milhaud and Messiaen. He remembers playing *bits of his pop opera Dynamite Tonite* in Messiaen's Musical Aesthetics class. "I never got a direct response, but Messiaen was always far more accepting of different ideas than my censorious classmates!" Milhaud he describes as "one of the more opening experiences of my life. His openness was so rare. He had a terrific sense of humour, *he was serious but never* solemn. That influenced me — there's no solemnity in my music."

● *Bolcom's* Songs of Innocence and Experience *will be performed at the Festival Hall on Sunday at 7pm (0171-960 4242)*

Youth and beauty

Takacs Quartet
Wigmore Hall

ONE pleasure of the Schubert Quartet series at present featuring the Takacs Quartet is *the opportunity to hear the* composer's early ventures into this form, usually left to one side in favour of the later masterpieces. The fourth programme in the series from the Hungarian visitors had two examples of what some might classify as the composer's "juvenilia", respectively composed when he was aged 16 and 17.

Nobody is going to make extravagant claims for the earlier of these, D47 in C major, but as a specimen of precocious invention it displays an instinctive sense of musical poetry in its melody, and a disarming exuberance that must have come from somewhere beyond the borders of Vienna. A spirited performance endeared its youthful vitality to our ears, not least in the rhythmic polka style of the finale.

If, as we know, this took Schubert just five days to write, how about his proud claim for the first movement of D112 in B flat being "finished in four and a half hours"? He added this note to the manuscript, and we could well believe it in the light of a performance here that captured its insouciance and an abundance of youthful optimism in perfectly shaded dynamics.

The quartet was joined by Louise Hopkins as second cellist for the C major String Quintet (D956). There is no more comprehensive compendium of Schubert's lyrical gifts, from simple lyricism to almost symphonic grandeur, and it touches a depth of tragic feeling in the last year of his short life.

It has to be said that *in this* performance there were moments when the strident tone of the upper strings militated against its beguiling effect. However, the players were generous in the observance of repeats, and the stealthy blandishments of the slow movement contrasted well with the fierceness at its centre, before a finale tinged with Magyar flavour and vivacity.

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Simon Midgley on Britain's apparent slide down the international mathematics league table

Are we failing by numbers?

Those who bemoan the state of mathematics in England's schools will have new and powerful ammunition next week. The main international comparisons in the subject will show pupils slipping back in relation to the rest of the world.

England will emerge as 3 per cent below the global average in the Third International Mathematics and Science Study, having been 3 per cent above the norm in 1990. Among industrialised nations, only the United States approaches our poor performance in basic areas such as algebra and number work.

For some time there has been a widespread view that mathematics education is in crisis. Our schools, it is said, are producing pupils who are mathematically less able than their forebears, as well as their contemporaries abroad.

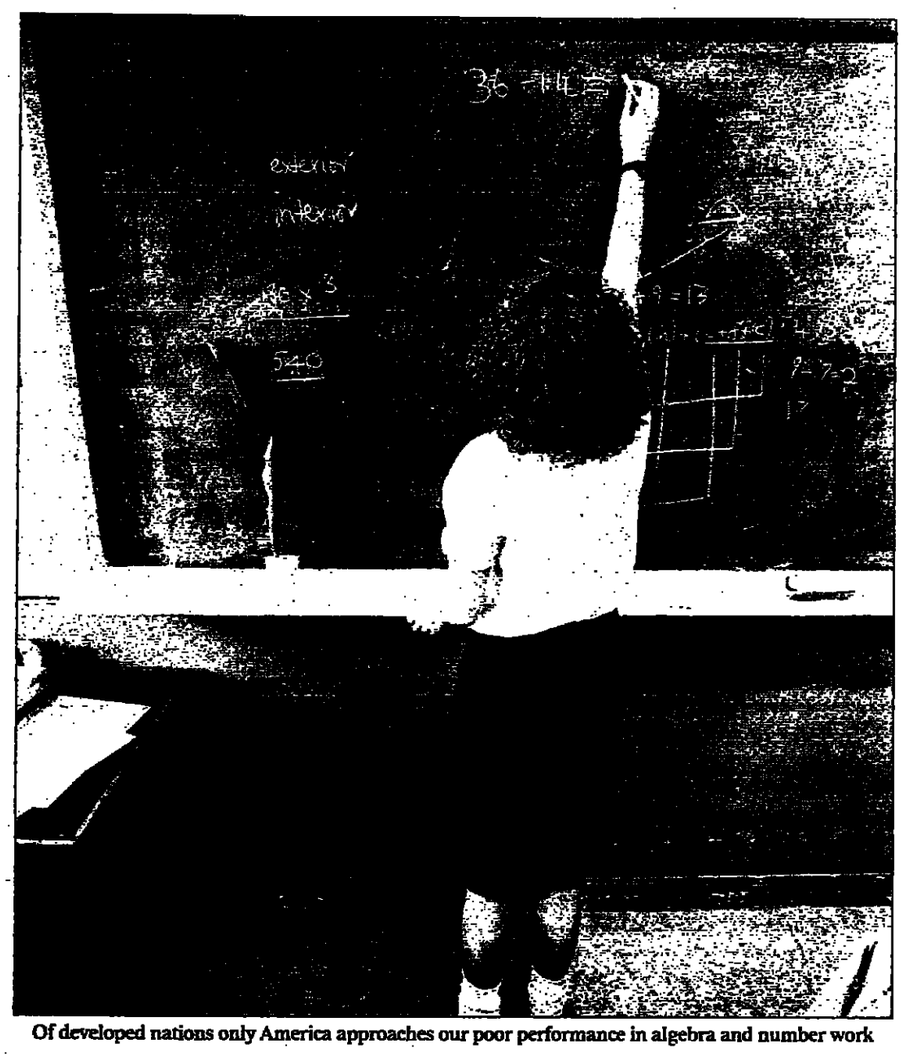
Children, so the critics would have us believe, are no longer able to do simple sums, and undergraduates lack many of the key mathematical skills they need to study science or maths at university level.

The apparently parlous state of contemporary mathematics is usually contrasted unfavourably with an historic golden age when children were taught the basic core skills. This idyll is invariably followed by respectful homage to the mathematical achievements of students in the Asian "tiger" economies of the Pacific Rim countries.

Does this grim and crudely simplified picture bear any semblance to reality? The short answer seems to be yes and no. Last month a three-day symposium at the London University Institute of Education considered the state of mathematics education internationally. In particular it examined the question of how maths education needs to change if it is to provide the skills society will require in the new millennium.

Margaret Brown, of King's College London, highlighted the results of several studies in international achievement which showed that the vast majority of the population in the UK had a comparatively low attainment, either leaving school at 16 after following an unambitious curriculum, or staying on in education but studying no further mathematics.

In the new Asian economies, Professor Brown added, the emphasis given to mathematics combined with the decision to educate all to the highest possible level produced a significantly greater number of people with higher levels of mathematical attainment. However, the same surveys also found that in the UK a small elite had a very high mathematical attainment on leaving school.



Of developed nations only America approaches our poor performance in algebra and number work

Richard Noss, Professor of Mathematics Education at the Institute of Education, says that several of the widespread concerns about mathematics education are well founded and might well be a consequence of the obsession with national curriculum tests and examination league tables in schools.

Key areas of mathematics, he says, have more or less disappeared from the curriculum — geometry, for example, and the idea of mathematical truths. For all but the very brightest pupils there has been a loss of a strong mathematical culture. It is as if people had stopped reading 20th-century novels or were unable to appreciate the music of 19th-century composers.

A recent London Mathematical Society report suggested that there was evidence that even the very brightest students coming into universities had difficulty in following chains of logical argument. They were good at answering well formed questions but relatively bad at following an argument through.

Professor Noss says that he would not be surprised if the introduction of the national curriculum in maths, examination league tables and national testing had reduced children's capacity to reason globally in maths and to develop a coherent view of maths as a way of thinking.

One of the effects of the national curriculum, he says, has been to break the maths curriculum into small fragments of knowledge which were then tested by single answer, right or wrong, easily marked examination questions. "It is hardly surprising if people do not emerge from their mathematics education with global reasoning skills and a coherent view of maths as a way of thinking."

Instead of national curriculum tramlines, he adds, we need national curriculum guidelines to restore teachers' professionalism and creativity. School league tables should be abandoned in their current form, while retaining broad accountability to judge the success of the school system. Most importantly, Professor Noss believes that the status and professionalism of teachers must be restored, and their initial and in-service training improved.

At the seminar, lecturers from Taiwan and Korea expressed concern that mathematics education in their own countries emphasised computational skills, the manipulation of symbols and the memorisation of sets of rules to solve problems at the expense of encouraging students' ability to think creatively and develop mathematical solutions to problems they have not encountered before.

Britain, despite being outperformed by the Pacfic Rim nations in many basic mathematical skills, does very well in creative, problem-solving mathematics. This talent for creative maths, Professor Noss says, may simply be nurtured by the existence in Britain of a generation of teachers who still teach maths as a creative subject.

Paradoxically, it appears, mathematical educators in several of the Pacific Rim nations are deeply envious of Britain's ability to nurture creative mathematicians and have profound reservations about their own nations' rote-teaching approach to maths. In Britain, meanwhile, many politicians and some teachers look enviously at the computational achievements of students in the Far East. There is something, it seems, to be learnt from both approaches.

Parlez-vous Franglais?

Modern methods of teaching foreign languages are threatening standards

One of last summer's GCSE French papers included a Burger King advertisement depicting two burgers. The slogan is "*1 Whopper Acheté = 1 Whopper Gratuit*". The candidate has to explain in English what the special offer is.

It is now compulsory for every secondary pupil to study a modern foreign language from the age of 11. Yet if this is really the standard we expect our 16-year-olds to have reached after five years of teaching, surely something has gone wrong?

SUSAN ELKIN

I still have my 1963 O-level French paper. It required me, among other things, to translate the far from straightforward sentence: "The whole family had come in the car to meet her and they all introduced themselves." The French/English translations include examples of the subjunctive mood and of the past historic tense.

I was taught the agreement of the preceding direct object — *La robe que j'ai vue* — at around 13 and, well grounded in general grammar, recall no difficulty with it whatsoever. One of the current GCSE syallabuses describes the PDO rule as: ". . . a structure which even French pupils find difficult. Although most pupils taking the examination will not be expected to produce this correctly, where pupils do use it, this will be taken into consideration." Who says standards haven't declined?

Comparing the rigour of an O-level modern language course with the transactional triviality of GCSE clearly indicates the insidious lowering of expectations in recent years.

My generation was systematically equipped to use French — and/or other languages — in any situation: formal as well as casual. We were therefore well prepared to embark later on the reading of classic French texts in French, if we wished. Doors were pushed open for us.

GCSE modern languages teaching emphasises speaking and listening in "relevant" situations. Oral examinations are all strictly geared to specific, and precisely laid down, settings such as school, shopping, or food and drink.

The vocabulary lists which most GCSE boards produce are dangerous things. As soon as you catalogue the words which are required learning then you legitimise the perception that no student need know any words beyond the list. The more we knew the better, our teachers believed. Real education mattered as much as passing the exam. And, for the record, I didn't take French, or any other language, beyond O level.

What seems to have disappeared from school modern languages teaching — as from so much else in education — is precision, accuracy and depth. Translation into the target language, always the acid test, has gone. Much "reading" is just pictures with captions and, of course, the wonderful discipline instilled by the old dictation paper is ancient history.

Small wonder that John Gordon, of the University of East Anglia, reports soberly that of a recent intake of undergraduates reading German a mere eight out of 43 could translate the sentence "The teacher gave the pupil the book" into German. Only four could manage "I prefer to drink strong coffee".

Teaching every child in the land a modern foreign language is a deceptively attractive egalitarian idea.

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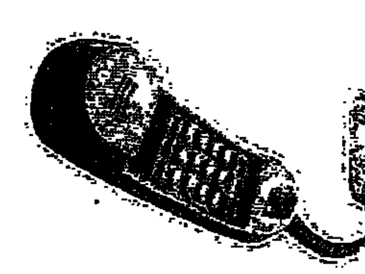

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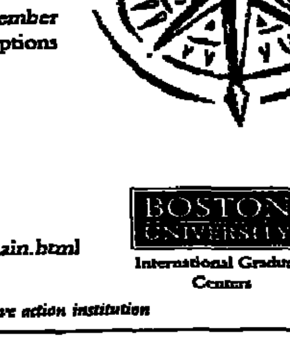

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When the parts are greater than the whole

JEREMY YOUNG

Tests taken before the end of a course have the advantage of getting pupils to work harder earlier

Peter Chappell challenges the notion that modular A-levels are lowering standards

A survey of about 300 senior independent schools has found that most are in favour of modular A levels. No doubt sceptics will greet the news with derision, but there were good educational reasons for the schools' support.

The survey confirmed that students taking modular A levels achieve slightly higher grades than pupils taking the traditional "linear" route. But the schools, which included some of the most academically successful in Britain, generally did not subscribe to the barrage of criticism which has been directed at the new style of course.

The main objection to modular A levels appears to be that candidates take exams in bite-sized chunks. "Try a little bit of this exam" ran one mocking headline recently, suggesting that any examination taken in parts is less rigorous than one take at a single sitting. But there is nothing new about taking exams in ways other than by a battery of papers at the end of the course. Extended essays, project work and course work are all long established as legitimate forms of examination. The crucial point, as the survey emphasises, is that any test taken before the end of a course has the advantage of encouraging pupils to work harder earlier. Standards rise accordingly.

This is what so many people remote from the classroom fail to grasp. They seem obsessed with the idea that an exam which enables more people to achieve a high standard must, in fact, be lowering standards. Why do they not see that an exam influences a child's work habits — just as a good teacher can influence them — and thus can raise standards? The best exams are not only rigorous tests but also good teachers.

The point is underlined by James Miller, Headmaster of Newcastle Royal Grammar School and conductor of the recent survey which records the responses of heads and senior staff. "Those individuals are very experienced and, in the main, distinctly sceptical about current fads," he says. "Most of them started from a position that was strongly opposed to modular innovations."

Of course there are some snags to be ironed out. Taking too many early modules, for instance, can put undue pressure on pupils and care needs to be taken to ensure that an early exam in one subject does not disrupt a pupil's work in another.

What is particularly damaging, however, is the ignorant view that modular A levels are somehow easier. In fact, the reverse is just as likely because the exam boards quite properly insist that those who take a module early will still be judged by the standard applied to those taking that same module at the end of the course.

My English department's case is interesting because in the majority of instances it is maths and science departments which are embracing modular courses. Initially we resisted "modularity" on the ground that maturity in English is crucial. The better read a candidate is, the better he or she can respond to any question on any text.

We have also begun to appreciate that modularity makes it easier for schools to offer options within courses, a facility which encourages pupils' motivation. We were keen to build into our A-level English literature course a theatre project option. This would appeal to those who wanted to stick to a combination of traditional A levels but who also wanted to express their interest in plays as texts for performance. Now our pupils take one module early. A choice of options is then available to them in their second year, which is easier for us to manage properly because one core part of the syllabus is out of the way.

With 90 per cent A and B grades this year and none below C for three years running, we have certainly not made this switch through dissatisfaction with the grades our candidates have been achieving by the traditional route.

Not only are the main arguments against modular A levels thus quite unfounded, they are also motivated by assumptions about falling standards as a whole.

For three good reasons those assumptions are misplaced, despite what the impending government inquiry report on A-level standards is going to tell us.

First, children know better than ever that the world is more competitive. Good grades are necessary to reach desired destinations. Secondly, each year the examinees are increasingly the children of parents who themselves took higher examinations. At home there is greater awareness of the support needed for examination success.

Finally, teachers are better equipped to help, guide and motivate their pupils. For instance, choosing the right A-level subjects was once a very haphazard affair and quality careers advice almost non-existent. All that has largely changed and is improving all the time. In the classroom, too, there has been change, stimulated by improved exams, in an effort to get the best out of our children. Modular exams are just one source of such stimulation.

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The cane was once a useful deterrent

Andrew Collier on an effective, but now dated, punishment

The horror on a boy's face the other day, when he heard that I had used the cane, clinched my position in the debate on corporal punishment.

I did indeed use it, or the slipper, as those then in authority did, on rare and, I suspect, not very painful occasions. I would not have abolished its use, but I do not believe we can bring it back in the present climate. To argue for it in certain quarters would label me merely a backwoodsman. But to be seen as a monster is something different, and the misunderstandings in this view are too deep-rooted for restoration to be a practical option.

What today's pupils cannot understand is that it was as well understood a sanction as today's politically correct, properly agreed equivalents. Probably better. It was the known punishment for certain offences where something short and sharp seemed appropriate. This was unlikely to include bullying, the problems of which always were more serious and deep-rooted. Similarly, theft and dishonesty were usually too complex for so blunt a response.

It was usually used to punish unacceptable behaviour and rule-breaking, which needed dealing with and forgetting. Today's everyday obscenities were then quite unacceptable, and in that climate, a "quick six" was preferable to suspension.

I believe the boys I beat knew the risks they took and what to expect. I did not shake hands or offer the so easily ridiculed "it hurts me as much as it does you" line, although I always ensured afterwards that the intention to "put it behind us" had worked.

I also know that it gave me no pleasure and allowed my reluctance to resort to this sanction to impose a moment of critical reflection into the business of the day. This seriousness, coupled with its rarity, made it a real deterrent and symbol of authority and right.

As today's history books describe a horrifyingly frequent use of cane, ruler or slipper in the inevitably "bad old days", it is unlikely that today's pupils will understand. I am also conscious that my experience, as teacher and pupil, was mild. I only inherited stories of regimes where the cane was in daily use, although I have met those who feel that their schooldays were blighted by it. They are to be taken more seriously than any of the "it never did me any harm" clichés, because their feelings are real.

I believe they are the exception, but there is no doubt that a number of heads and teachers did cane excessively, with little thought and, sometimes, with excessive delight. To them we owe the abolition and the horror which makes it irreversible. But I think it is important to understand that historically it was not always, and theoretically need not be, the obscene scandal now usually portrayed.

I also think it important to expose some of the glibber arguments against corporal punishment, not least the often repeated variations on "How can one condemn violence in general while condoning it as punishment?" To adapt, one might as well say that we cannot tell the thief that because he took someone's possessions we intend to dispossess (fine, stop pocket money) him. Punishment is only so defined if it is unpleasant and comes from and with authority; anything else is immoral or kinky.

Anyway, we cannot at this time restore corporal punishment. First, because public attitudes and perceptions have moved on. Opponents (and some practitioners) have succeeded in giving the cane such a horrific image that the old understandings are no longer possible. Today's children know their rights, understand the term "abuse" (although happily most, still, have never witnessed it), and have been taught to question all authority. We all recognise the pluses in this, but there is a price. And, while changed attitudes mean that some find the notion of corporal punishment sinister and scandalously unacceptable, there are significant problems at the other end of the mood change — violence against teachers is a relatively new phenomenon, at least at a serious level.

How would the cane-wielding teacher fare against the thugs and gangs resolved to defend or avenge their cronies? Do we want to fuel further playground wars and draw schools deeper into the confused area of condemning violence in any form?

Secondly, although corporal punishment was not illegal in independent schools, most abandoned it when it became unacceptable to some parents. You cannot run a fair system with double standards, punishing the same offence differently because of parental attitudes. This problem would now be insuperable; even a Cabinet full of Gillian Shephards would be unlikely to refuse parents a right to opt out.

Finally, the case against restoration wins because most schools have proved they can cope without it. Discipline has not broken down everywhere. Yes, standards have changed, probably slipped, and attitudes to authority are not what they were. But there are a thousand reasons for this and most children still strive to avoid punishment. I believe the caning issue is an irrelevance. A political distraction and an election red herring.

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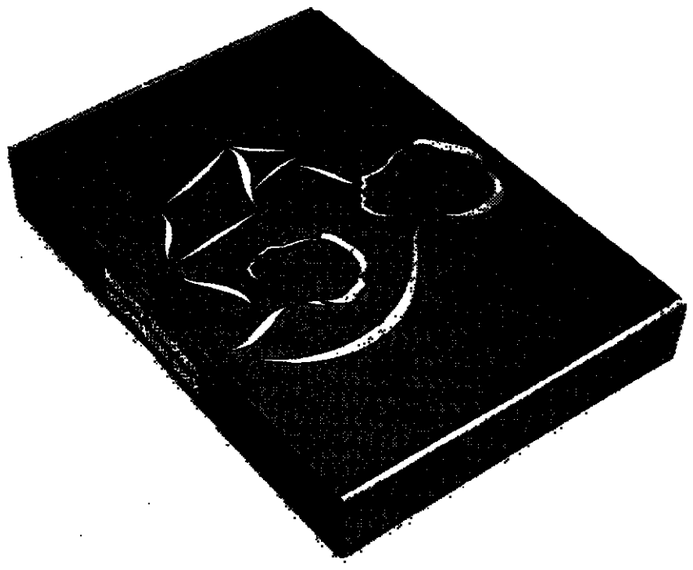

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Conduct of employer's undertaking

Regina v Associated Octel Co Ltd

Before Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Mustill and Lord Hoffman

[Speeches November 14]

It was a question of fact in each case whether an activity, which caused a risk to the health and safety of persons not in its employment, amounted to part of the employer's "conduct of his undertaking", within the meaning of section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by Associated Octel Co Ltd, against the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (*The Times* August 3, 1994: [1995] ICR 281), of its appeal against conviction on March 19, 1993 at Chester Crown Court (Judge Prosser, QC and a jury) of failing, contrary to section 33(1)(a) of the 1974 Act, to discharge the duty imposed by section 3(1) to conduct its undertaking in such a way as to ensure, so far as was reasonably practicable, that persons not in its employment were not exposed to risks to their health and safety.

Section 3 of the 1974 Act provides:

"(1) It shall be the duty of every employer to conduct his undertaking in such a way as to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that persons not in his employment who may be affected thereby are not thereby exposed to risks to their health or safety."

Mr Raymond Walker, QC and Mr Julian Waters for Octel; Mr Hugh Carlisle, QC and Mr Ian Burnett for the Crown.

LORD HOFFMAN said that Octel operated a large chemical plant at Ellesmere Port which was shut down in June 1990 for annual maintenance. A small firm of specialist contractors, Resin Glass Products Ltd ("RGP") was engaged in repairing the lining of a tank.

RGP's employee, Mr Cuthbert, was working in the tank by the light of an electric light bulb attached to a lead. He had to grind the damaged area of the lining, clean it down with acetone and then apply a fibreglass matting patch with resin. The acetone was in an old paint bucket and while he was applying it with a brush the light bulb broke causing a flash fire in which Mr Cuthbert was badly burned.

Octel was prosecuted for breach of section 3(1) of the 1974 Act. The Crown said that the failure of duty was a failure to control the works so as to ensure that persons not in Octel's employment, Mr Cuthbert was employed by RGP, were not exposed to risks to their health and safety.

RGP operated under a "permit to work" system which meant that for every job they had to fill in a form saying what they were going to do and obtain authorisation from Octel's engineers, who would consider what safety precautions were needed.

The whole plant was designated by the Health and Safety Executive as a "major hazard site" and the permit to work was part of a statement of safety procedures which Octel was obliged to draw up and submit to the Executive.

The Crown adduced evidence, by way of advance rebuttal of a defence that prevention of the accident had not been "reasonably practicable", showing that the permit to work system had been operated in a perfunctory manner.

Octel had supplied Mr Cuthbert with protective clothing and a face mask but did not supply a special air lamp, which could have been specified on the standard form, or a closed container for the acetone or forced air extraction for the tank.

At the close of the prosecution case, Mr Walker submitted that there was no case to answer. RGP were independent contractors and the cleaning of the tank was part of the conduct of their undertaking. Control was essential to liability under section 3(1) and Octel had no right to control the way in which its independent contractors did their work.

Judge Prosser had rejected that submission. He said that Octel's undertaking was the chemical business which it conducted on the site and that included having the tank repaired, whether by contractors or employees.

After that ruling Octel closed its case without calling evidence. In summing up the judge directed the jury that Octel conducted its undertaking by having the tank repaired by RGP and that Octel had called no evidence that it had not been reasonably practicable to take appropriate precautions. The jury convicted.

Octel's main ground of appeal to the Court of Appeal was that the judge had been wrong to reject its submission of no case to answer.

The Court of Appeal rejected that argument and so would his Lordship.

It was based on what appeared to be a confusion between two quite different concepts: an employer's vicarious liability for the tortious act of another and a duty imposed upon the employer himself.

Vicarious liability depended, with some exceptions, on the nature of the contractual relationship between the employer and the tortfeasor. There was liability if the tortfeasor was acting within the scope of his duties under a contract of employment. Otherwise, generally speaking, the employer was not vicariously liable.

But section 3 was not concerned with vicarious liability. It imposed a duty upon the employer himself. That duty was defined by reference to a certain kind of activity, namely, the conduct by the employer of his undertaking. It was indifferent to the nature of the contractual relationships by which the employer chose to conduct it.

Mr Walker argued that the absence of a right to control the way in which the work was done was traditionally the badge of an employer's relationship with an independent contractor. So, as RGP were independent contractors, it had to follow that Octel were not in a position to exercise that complete control which was the basis of liability under section 3.

That seemed to his Lordship to be a confusion of thought. If the employer engaged an independent contractor to do work which formed part of the conduct of the employer's undertaking he had to stipulate for whatever conditions were needed to avoid risks to people's health and safety and which were reasonably practicable.

He could not, having omitted to do so, say that he was not in a position to exercise any control. That was precisely why Octel insisted that its contractors adhere to the permit to work system.

The concept of control as one of the tests for vicarious liability served an altogether different purpose. An employer was free to engage either employees or independent contractors.

If he engaged employees, he would be vicariously liable for torts committed in the course of their employment. If he engaged independent contractors he would not.

The law took the contractual relationship as given and in some cases the control test helped to decide the category to which it belonged. But for the purposes of section 3, the category was not decisive.

The question was simply whether the activity in question could be described as part of the employer's undertaking. Octel's undertaking was running a chemical plant and it was part of the conduct of that undertaking, not merely to clean the factory, but also to "have the factory cleaned" by contractors: see *R v Mara* ([1987] 1 WLR 87, 90-91).

The employer had to take reasonably practical steps to avoid risk to the contractor's servants which arose from inadequate arrangements made by the employer with the contractors as to how they should do the work.

Whether the activity which had caused the risk amounted to part of the conduct by the employer of his undertaking was in each case a question of fact and should therefore properly be left to the jury.

Even if, as his Lordship thought, the only rational answer in this case was "yes", it should still have been left to the jury. The judge did not do so and the effect of the summing up was to direct the jury to find on that point for the prosecution.

That was understandable because the case was conducted on the basis that the sole issue was whether the fact that RGP were independent contractors took the work outside the scope of Octel's undertaking.

Having correctly ruled that it did not, the judge assumed that the matter was no longer in issue. But in his lordship's view there remained a question of fact which it was strictly speaking for the jury to decide.

The question then was whether their Lordship's house should nevertheless apply the proviso and dismiss the appeal.

The question of fact which should have been left to the jury was simply whether having the tank repaired was part of the conduct of Octel's chemical undertaking at Ellesmere Port.

His Lordship could not imagine what evidence could have been called by Octel which would have led a properly instructed jury to return a negative answer.

The tank was part of Octel's plant. The work formed part of a maintenance programme planned by Octel. The men who did the work, although employed by an independent contractor, were almost permanently integrated into Octel's larger operations. They worked under the permit to work system. Octel provided their safety equipment and lighting. None of those facts was disputed.

In those circumstances, a properly instructed jury would undoubtedly have convicted. The appeal would therefore be dismissed and the conviction affirmed.

Lord Mackay, Lord Goff, Lord Jauncey and Lord Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: Hill Dickinson Davis Campbell, Liverpool; Treasury Solicitor.

Costs of prosecution include investigation

Regina v Associated Octel Co Ltd (Costs)

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice McKinnon and Mr Justice Johnson

[Reasons October 29]

The costs of a prosecution could include the costs of the prosecuting authority in carrying out investigations with a view to the prosecution of a defendant who was convicted.

The Court of Appeal so held when giving reasons for dismissing on October 28 the appeal of the Associated Octel Company against an order to pay £142,655.33 towards the costs of the prosecution, following pleas of guilty on December 20, 1995 and January 22, 1996 at Chester Crown Court to failing to ensure the safety at work of employees and conducting an undertaking so as to expose persons to risk. On February 2, 1996 Judge Edward fined the company £75,000 on each count and made the order for costs.

Section 18 of the Prosecution of Offences Act 1985 provides: "(1) Where ... (c) any person is convicted of an offence before the crown court: the court may make such order as to the costs to be paid by the accused to the prosecutor as it considers just and reasonable."

Mr J. L. Hand, QC, for the appellant company; Mr Hugh Carlisle, QC and Mr Andrew Long for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE McKINNON, giving the reasons of the court, said that the Health and Safety Executive investigated an incident at the appellant's premises where it manufactured additives for petrol.

On February 1, 1994 a serious fire was caused as a result of the escape of ethyl chloride. It was the costs of that investigation which were in dispute.

The appellants submitted that in ordering the appellants to pay the entire Health and Safety Executive's costs of investigation and preparation in the sum of £100,359.37, the judge failed properly to exercise his discretion by not considering what costs were justly and reasonably to be paid by the appellant pursuant to section 18 of the 1985 Act.

The prosecution submitted that the position as decided in *Neville v Gardner Merchant Ltd* ((1983) 5 Cr App R (S) 349) was regarded as settled law by prosecutors, who daily recovered the costs of investigations leading to criminal prosecutions in appropriate cases.

In *Neville* a similar provision to section 18(1) was considered, section 2(2) of the Costs in Criminal Cases Act 1973.

The appellant submitted that *R v Seymour* ((1988) 9 Cr App R (S) 395) contained statements inconsistent with *Neville*. In so far as they conflicted, *Neville* was to be preferred; comments on costs in *Seymour* were made per incuriam. The sentencing judge had correctly applied the law in accordance with *Neville*.

Their Lordships would observe:

1 The prosecution should serve upon the defence full details of its costs at the earliest time so as to give the defence a proper opportunity to consider them and made representations if appropriate, and

2 Once served with a schedule of the prosecution's costs, a defendant, if he wished to dispute the whole or any part of it, should give proper notice to the prosecution of any objections he proposed to make, or at least make it plain to the court precisely what those objections were.

Solicitors: Eversheds, Leeds.

Treating defendant and insurer as composite unit

Kelly v Bastible and Others

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Waller

[Judgment November 11]

When considering, under section 33 of the Limitation Act 1980, whether to disapply the limitation provisions which would otherwise be applicable and when weighing the prejudice to a defendant who was insured, the correct approach was to treat the defendant and the insurer as a composite unit, even in circumstances where the plaintiff would have no claim against his solicitor if the claim were not allowed to proceed.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the defendants, John Bastible, James Patrick Bastible and Gordon Arthur Kimble, executors of the estate of Dr Christopher Bastible, deceased, against a decision of Mr Justice Wright to allow a claim by the plaintiff, Dean John Kelly, for damages for medical negligence to proceed out of time.

Mr Nigel Baker, QC and Mr Simon King for the plaintiff; Mr Piers Ashworth and Ms Fiona Sinclair for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE WALLER said that in relation to the question of evidential prejudice or considering whether or not there could be a fair trial the approach of considering the insurers and defendant as a composite unit had always to be the right approach.

It was always right in weighing the prejudice to one side against prejudice to the other for the judge to recognise whether or not the plaintiff had an alternative remedy against his solicitor and he would, as a matter of reality, be aware that the defendant was insured.

However, if the conclusion had been that treating the defendant and insurer as a composite unit the delay had severely prejudiced their ability to defend, and if the court would not have allowed that action to continue if the defendant had not been insured, taking into account at that stage the fact that the plaintiff had no claim against his solicitor if he was not allowed to proceed with his claim, the weight to be given to the mere fact that the defendant was insured ought to be nil.

That was right, first, because a claim against a solicitor could not be equated with a claim under a policy of insurance for which the defendant had paid and, second, because insurers were entitled to expect, in fixing their premiums, that they would not be penalised by being made to fight claims that their insured would not have been held bound to fight simply because they were insured.

Solicitors: Cooke & Sons, Luton; Hempsons.

Tariff sentence for knife offence stands

Regina v Latham

Before Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice McKinnon and Mr Justice Johnson

[Reasons November 5]

Where an offender deliberately went out with a knife, carrying it as a weapon, and used it to cause death, even if there was provocation he should expect to receive on conviction in a contested case a sentence in the region of ten to twelve years imprisonment.

However, where an offender who had a viable defence had entered pleas of guilty, having been properly advised as to the sentence which he was likely to receive in accordance with the tariff as it then stood, it would be wrong for the Court of Appeal, when reconsidering the tariff, also to increase the sentence.

Lord Justice Kennedy so stated when giving the reasons of the Court of Appeal, on a reference by the Attorney-General under section 36 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 in respect of a sentence he regarded as unduly lenient, for deciding on October 29 to leave unaltered sentences totalling five years imprisonment imposed on April 18 at Maidstone Crown Court by Mr Justice Wright on Daniel George Latham following pleas of guilty to one offence of manslaughter and three of unlawful wounding.

Mr David Calvert-Smith for the Attorney-General; Mr William Clegg, QC, for the offender.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY said that this was the first time that the Attorney-General had referred a case to the Court of Appeal in order to invite the court to raise the sentencing tariff in relation to a particular type of crime.

It was implicit in section 36(1) of the 1988 Act that the court could only increase a sentence if it considered it to be unduly lenient and if, as was accepted, there was nothing in the statute to prevent the Attorney-General from concluding that a tariff sentence was unduly lenient it seemed to their Lordships that, in the absence of express words, the Court of Appeal could come to the same conclusion. Accordingly, the court had jurisdiction to review the tariff.

It was submitted that Parliament shared the much publicised concern about the carrying of knives: see section 2 of the Offensive Weapons Act 1996.

Their Lordships agreed that where there was an offence of manslaughter on the ground of provocation without any relationship between the parties and where a knife had been carried for use as a weapon and had ultimately been used, often at a time when the user was affected by drink or drugs, the tariff sentence of seven years on conviction was too low.

In a contested case on conviction a sentence in the region of 10 to 12 years should be expected.

However, in the circumstances of this case their Lordships would exercise their discretion by ordering that the sentences imposed would stand.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Headquarters; Attridge, Rotherhithe.

Correction

In *Proudanay v Barclays Bank plc* (*The Times* November 12) the solicitor for the tenant was Ms Sally Moreshead.

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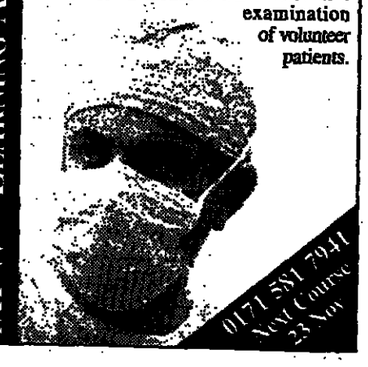
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Windfall reveals lottery of how sports bodies are run

The effect of new funds, David Miller says, is jeopardised by out-dated administration

WHILE the Sports Council of England was yesterday belatedly announcing the availability of a £40 million National Lottery package for sports federations, coaches and competitors in preparation for leading events and especially the Olympic Games, the future structure of British sports administration was being seriously questioned.

Lord MacLaurin, the man appointed to beat some sense into it, the chairman of Tesco and chairman of the new, but as yet dormant, United Kingdom Sports Council, spoke of the situation remaining "thoroughly unsatisfactory". Professor Peter Radford, the executive chairman of the British Athletic Federation, while he welcomed the initiative yesterday, stated that the relative positions of the UK body and the old England Sports Council was "upside down".

"It's good to have all this money going into sport," Lord MacLaurin said yesterday, "but it clearly shows that things are still being handled by the old Sports Council, which should have been out of operation a year ago. This should have been the work of the UK Council."

The plan by which the UK body, which has yet to have a formal meeting more than a year after its formation, is dependent on the four region-

Lord MacLaurin: frustrated

al bodies (England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland) for its funding, might have been devised by the cartoonist, Emmett. Lord MacLaurin admits that he is exasperated by the bureaucracy and the delays in getting the new policy-determining body into action.

"I've not been in government work in this way before," he said. "It's frustrating and very different from my everyday existence. We were to have operated from January this year, and now I suppose it will be January next year.

"If you were looking at the structure of British sport as a business, you would have a holdings board and executive directors. It would have been best if we'd sat down *before* the present structure was formulated. The UK council has representatives of the four regional bodies, plus the British Olympic Association and others, and is the strongest body of sports people in the country. If I was in charge, I'd give the [major] responsibility to that body, tell them to get on with it. If they didn't succeed, they'd be fired."

What the leader of one of Great Britain's most successful chain stores does not appreciate is the extent to which the regional councils are not in the business of improving British sport, but in castle-building on public money and protecting sinecures.

"I can fully understand the frustration of sports people," Lord MacLaurin said before the funding announcement yesterday, which is in effect a vast blanket-bath in which there will be enormous waste through indiscriminate awards. Lord MacLaurin is conscious that the UK council will lack the budget-power to make things work in those areas which it considers require priority.

He is optimistic that a meeting this week with Ian Sproat, the Minister for Sport, and the four regional councils may perhaps accelerate the action. The problem with the announcement yesterday is that the allocation of funds will not become operative until next year, too late to make much impact upon the Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000; certainly too late for athletes struggling to make ends meet in their preparation for the world indoor championships in March.

BAF opposed to means testing

By John Goodbody

BRITISH competitors and officials yesterday welcomed the £40 million annual package of National Lottery money that will help them in their preparation for Olympic Games and international events.

However, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) said that it would be arguing with the Sports Council that the lottery money, which has been earmarked for training, travelling, coaching and living expenses, should not be "means tested".

Professor Peter Radford, the BAF executive chairman, said that he wanted competitors such as Linford Christie, Colin Jackson and Sally Gunnell to receive funding, although they can make hundreds of thousands of pounds through sponsorship.

Details of the scheme were announced yesterday after the Government changed the lottery regulations in April to allow revenue as well as capital funding.

Radford said that he was delighted that the money will be worth an average of £15,000 for 4,500 competitors over a range of sports. However, he was concerned that it would become available only next March, with six months' post-Olympic preparation time being lost.

However, he said: "All athletes should have the ability to accept this money. For some to be given the opportunity and others not would be divisive in all teams. Competitors who do not receive the money will say, quite rightly: 'Why should I help the national team? Who is helping me?'

"The present scheme will isolate people and will be a major talking point. The Sports Council has an accountant's viewpoint."

However, the council, which is empowered by the Government to distribute lottery money, will be loathe to be seen giving money to high profile competitors rather than people such as Janine Whitlock, the British record-holder for the women's pole vault. Last season, her family in Liverpool spent £6,500 in supporting her athletic ambition. Her dole money goes largely towards paying the petrol to travel to her coach in Stoke. She said: "It will mean that I can do warm-weather training and prepare better for my event."

Paul Palmer, the 400 metres swimming silver medal-winner at the Olympics Games in Atlanta, warned that it might take eight to 12 years before the effect was felt in British sport.

Radford, who attended the cash launch yesterday, was pleased with the adjustment of lottery policy, permitting funding for preparation as well as structural facilities, but insisted: "We've got to get the system right. We are still talking parochially, and it is going to hurt us. We need to plan and think on a UK basis. The UK council should *lead*."

Sir Rodney Walker, the chairman of what was yesterday still calling itself *the* Sports Council, claimed that 4,500 competitors would benefit from the funding, though he admitted: "It's not a quick fix but long term." The first cheques will not be sent out until next February.

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Faldo putts on the 4th green during an opening burst that took him four shots clear

Lehman halts Faldo charge

By Our Sports Staff

TOM LEHMAN, the Open champion, overhauled a four-shot deficit to take a one-stroke lead over Nick Faldo, the Masters champion, and Steve Jones, the US Open champion, in the rain-delayed PGA Grand Slam of Golf in Hawaii yesterday. The winners of golf's four majors this year completed a round-and-a-half of the scheduled 36-hole tournament at the Poipu Bay Resort course, leaving nine holes to be played today.

Faldo, of Great Britain, had completed the first 18 holes one stroke ahead of Lehman, who then birdied four of the next six holes en route to a 32, four under par. Lehman finished the day on 100, eight under par.

Faldo, who celebrated his third win at Augusta this year, completed the last nine holes in 34 for a 101. Jones produced the best nine-hole stretch of the day, including six birdies, for a 31, five under par, that put him level with Faldo. The fourth member of the elite group, Mark Brooks, the US PGA champion, was on 109 for the 27 holes.

Faldo appeared to have matters well in hand through the first 12 holes, at which stage he was six under par and four strokes ahead of Lehman and Jones. Lehman said: "I think Nick gave us a little break after running away with it after 12 holes in the morning."

Catriona Matthew, of Scotland, had a career-best round of eight under par to take a one-stroke lead on the opening day of the Australian Ladies Masters. Her 65 was only one off the course record, held by Laura Davies, of England, who kept in touch yesterday with a 67.

While the rain that wiped out the scheduled opening round on Tuesday stayed away, the course remained wet and soggy and the players were allowed to lift, clean and place their balls on the fairway. "If it's a decent day tomorrow, I think you're going to see a lot of birdies and a lot of low scores," Lehman said. "I played well and putted well today. I like my chances tomorrow."

Lee Westwood, of Britain, yesterday shot a 67, four under par, to finish the first day of Dunlop Phoenix tournament in Miyazaki, Japan, one shot off the lead, which was held by Tom Watson. Joe Ozaki, of Japan, shared second place, one shot ahead of his brother, Jumbo.

Westwood's performance, which was in keeping with a surge of form that took him to sixth place on the European Tour money-list this year, earned a glowing recommendation from Watson, 47. "Lee's a good player and I like his action," he said. "He's a good putter and he's 23 years old. I'd trade places with him."

Westwood's only blemish came on the par-five 18th, when a blatant attempt to match Jumbo Ozaki's power off the tee resulted in his ball landing 30 yards off line. Although he salvaged par — while Watson earned the birdie that edged him in front — Westwood was left to rue his rush of blood. "The recklessness of youth, I suppose," he said.

GOLF

Clayton's fall comes before his pride

By Simon Wilde

IT IS rare, outside the closing stages of a major championship, for professional golfers to crowd round a television to watch one of their colleagues at work, but they crammed into the commentary box in Sydney yesterday to watch Mike Clayton play the 14th green in the Australian PGA Championship — again, and again, and again. The box became their 19th hole and they drank tears of laughter.

Clayton, a veteran of 15 seasons on the European Tour, unwittingly produced one of the most bizarre incidents seen in a professional tournament. He struck a ten-foot putt and was urging it towards the hole with an elaborate gesture when the putter slipped from his hand.

The ball stopped two inches from the hole but the putter tumbled towards it. Clayton did the only thing he could and dived after it, but he succeeded only in knocking the club into the ball. To compound his embarrassment, Clayton, prostrate on the ground with arms outstretched beside the hole, saw the ball roll into his elbow.

The incident left Trevor Herden, the tour operations manager, with a difficult decision. In the end, he correctly applied rule 18.2 (a), "Ball at rest moved", which states that, if a competitor's ball is accidentally struck by himself, his partner, their caddies or equipment, he shall incur a one-stroke penalty. However, had the ball been in motion when it was struck by the putter, Clayton would have incurred a two-stroke penalty.

The incident may have amused the players, but it raised few smiles among those who guard the game's rules. "A golfer is deemed to be responsible for his equipment at all times," Paul Jelly, of the English Golf Union, said.

"If the equipment interferes with the ball, he incurs a penalty, even in the unusual situation of the equipment being detached from its owner at time. Had a player, say, dropped his towel on the green, and then seen it blown by the wind into the ball and moved it, the same rule would apply."

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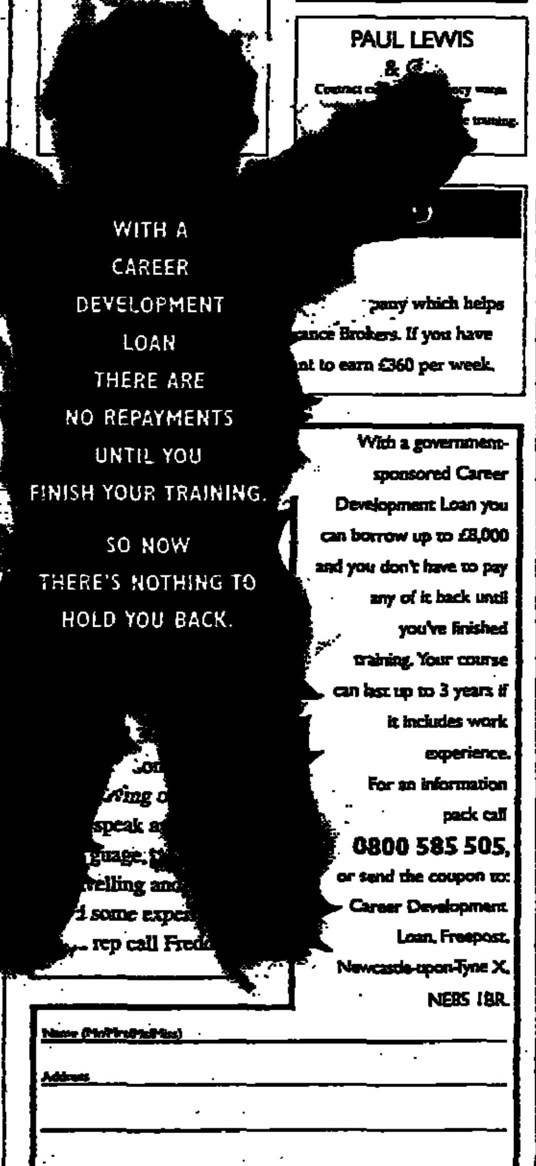

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan
Bridge Correspondent

In an article a few weeks ago, I remarked that my opponent had taken "a mere ten minutes" to play a hand, having, on a previous hand, taken 14 minutes to play the first card from dummy. I admit expressing myself rather sourly — the ten-minute episode followed a poor bid by me. After you make a mistake, it is always more painful if your opponent takes a long time to punish you. My correspondent, J. C. Morris, of East Sussex, remarks that he would be embarrassed to take anything longer than a minute, and asks about the accepted standards.

In international and leading national events (the Camrose trials, the Premier League and the last rounds of the Gold Cup), a table is required to complete a set of hands within a specified time, usually 2hr 10min for 16 boards. If the table takes longer than that, and it can be decided that one of the pairs was responsible, that pair suffers various penalties. For example, they may be fined a victory point or, in extreme cases, may be barred from playing together for the rest of the tournament.

One of the problems is in demonstrating which pair is slow. Sometimes, an official watches the table, but usually the pairs have to share the blame and both are penalised. Chess clocks would not work — imagine punching the clock 52 times for the play and, say, another ten times for the bidding, on each hand.

The longest trance I ever saw was in a Gold Cup semi-final three years ago. A Scottish player took 25 minutes to make a bid. Although his table finished within the time limit, the tournament director applied some rule that I had never heard of to penalise him. So he was still punished for his (in my view) unacceptable behaviour.

In events where there are no official timekeepers, there are no specific sanctions. Players who are learning should be allowed to be slow, but, in a game where all the players are experienced, there is some sort of social pressure to get on with it. I play most of my rubber bridge at TGR's. For new readers, "TGR" is short for The Great Rose, after Irving Rose, its original manager. Sadly, he died a few months ago. The club motto is *le patron joue ici* — Howard Cohen, the proprietor, is ever-present in the high game.

At the club, occasional long trances are tolerated (by "long", I mean five minutes), but, as soon as someone takes longer than that, the barracking starts. "Play it while you're young" is my favourite encouragement to one frequent offender, accompanied by "after a long illness, bravely borne," when he finally does something. Of course, these strictures on slow play apply more to winning players than to the losers.

The ultimate sanction is to refuse to play with extremely slow players. That does not mean that they cannot get a game — they just have to round up three fellow offenders.

□ Robert Sheehan writes Monday to Friday in Sport and in Weekend on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Marks of approval

Today, I continue my summary of simplified modern chess notation with an explanation of some symbols that readers may find in chess comments, which express the writer's approval or disapproval of certain moves. It is helpful to know what these symbols signify.

A good move is often shown by an exclamation mark (!) after the move, while a truly outstanding blockbuster of a move would be adorned by a double exclamation mark (!!). A mistake would be given a question mark (?), while a blunder of horrendous dimensions would be given a double question mark (??).

More subjective symbols are sometimes used: !? means risky or interesting, while ?! is a somewhat greyer area that usually signifies a move on the borderline between interesting and dubious.

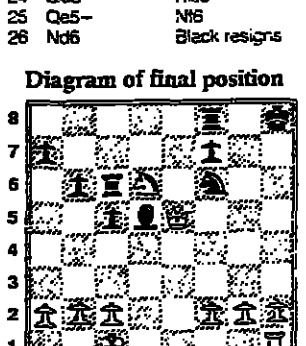
In the following game, Alekhine, himself, gave his eighth, eleventh, fourteenth, fifteenth and 26th moves exclamation marks, while he gave Black's ninth move ?!. The game is generally considered to be one of Alekhine's most brilliant.

White: Alexander Alekhine
Black: Savielly Tartakower
Kecskemet, 1927

Caro-Kann Defence

1	e4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	Nc3	dxe4
4	Nxe4	Nf6
5	Ng3	e5
6	Nf3	exd4
7	Nxd4	Bc5
8	Qe2+	Be7
9	Be3	c5
10	Ndf5	0-0
11	Qc4	Re8
12	Bd3	b6
13	0-0-0	Ba6
14	Nh6+	gxh6
15	Bxh7+	Nxh7
16	Qg4+	Kh8
17	Rxd8	Rxd8
18	Qe4	Nc6
19	Qxc6	Bf8
20	Nf5	Bc4
21	Bxh6	Bd5
22	Qc7	Rac8
23	Qf4	Rc6
24	Bxd8	Rxd8
25	Qe5+	Nf6
26	Nd6	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



As the year draws to a close, I shall be ongoingly celebrating the achievements of Alexander Alekhine, a world champion and tactical genius, who died 50 years ago.

Alekhine first won the world championship from the allegedly invincible Capablanca in 1927. Alekhine lost the title to Dr Max Euwe, of Holland, in 1935, but regained it in the revenge match of 1937; when he died in 1946, he was still world champion.

□ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

Biblicals

GEDALIAH
a. A wife of David
b. A Quisling
c. A lapsed convert

SHECHEM
a. A princely rapist
b. A Philistine priest
c. A Rabbinical code

ANNA
a. A prophetess
b. Wife of Tobit
c. Mother of Mary

SHEBA
a. Wife of Saul
b. A wronged wife
c. Rebel who lost his head

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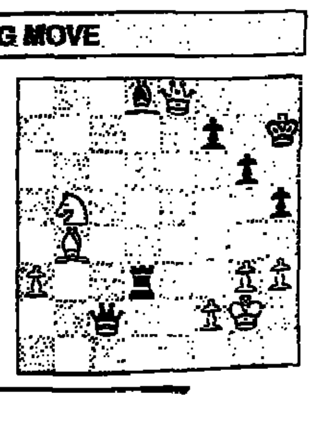
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Speelman — Peng, Erevan Olympiad, 1996. Jon Speelman has a justified reputation as a highly inventive and tactical player. However, his opponent outdid him in the tactic in the position today. How did Black force a brilliant mate?



Solution on page 45

CRICKET: UNCAPPED MEMBER OF TOURING PARTY WILL NOT LET ENGLAND DOWN

New man sure to make most of opportunity

Simon Wilde meets Chris Silverwood, the Yorkshire seam bowler, as he prepares for the trip to Zimbabwe

When a new face comes onto the international sporting stage, it is easy to imagine its owner as fresh to the world and forget the hours of solitary practice, the setbacks and the penury that led him or her from darkness into light.

So it is with Chris Silverwood, the only uncapped member of the England cricket team that leaves for Zimbabwe later this month. Of course, we think, it is all happening to him for the first time: he is only 21, looks 18 and is going on tour just for the experience.

In fact, Silverwood has experienced quite a lot already, having been on the uncertain road to the top for ten years now. Cricketing life began for him with bumpy Friday night rides in a minibus from Garforth comprehensive, his school in Leeds, to net sessions in Pontefract, an enthusiastic teacher being convinced that he deserved encouragement. The weekly journeys continued throughout four winters.

At Pontefract, Silverwood came under the eye of John Pearson, then working as a cricket coach for Leeds leisure services and now a regional development officer with Yorkshire. "What I first noticed about Chris was that he was far bigger than the other boys of his age, so I immediately put him into a net with some older ones," Pearson said.

"The next thing that struck me was his absolute will to succeed. When he accomplished one thing, all he wanted to know was: 'What do I do next?' "

Pearson was responsible for Silverwood moving clubs from his native Kippax to Castleford, who played in the Yorkshire League; and, for a 15 year-old up against men, he acquitted himself well.

Silverwood left school at 16 and went to Headingley on a Youth Training Scheme, but, for some reason, was not given a trial with the Yorkshire Schools team. However, he was also attending the Yorkshire Academy, in Bradford, where Pearson also coached and kept his spirits up. "I'm not the only one to have helped him, but he usually came back to me when things were not going so well," Pearson said.

Within two years, Silverwood was making his Yorkshire debut, but there were to be further setbacks. When the 1996 season began, he was still not an established member of the side and was stung to be omitted from Yorkshire's opening championship match.

His response was typical. "One thing about this," he told friends at the time, "once I do get in, they won't get me out again." He was right: he soon took five wickets in a one-day match and, from there, there was no looking back. He finished the summer with 47 wickets at 30.68 each and outbowled all his fellow seamers, including Darren Gough, who stands ahead of him in the England pecking order.

Silverwood readily acknowledges his debt to Pearson, but he also received unstinting support from his mother. His parents separated when he was four, since when he has seen little of his father, but his mother has turned her hand to countless jobs to help her son to fulfil his potential. When Pearson gave him lifts home after nets, Silverwood invariably asked to be dropped off at the chip shop in Kippax, where she worked in the evenings.

While he has attracted headlines for the unusual aspects to his life — being a black belt at karate and a teetotaller, for instance — it is the way that Silverwood embraced the years of mundane learning, and took the most out of them, that is impressive. He has worked hard on his fitness in Cape Town over the past three winters and at home recently, and now has greater stamina and an extra zip to his bowling.

Silverwood attributes his advance this year to all the work that went before. "I think I have matured," he said during England's training camp in Portugal last week. "I have learnt to cope with situations and know now when to bowl line and length." In days past, he was inclined to spray the ball around, but he rejects the notion that he is a willing foil for more explosive fast bowlers operating at the other end — "I see myself as just as dangerous as Dominic Cork or Darren Gough."

He also knows that the hard work is far from over. Limited though his opportunities may be this winter, he knows he can only benefit. "He is a thinking bowler," Pearson said. "He has worked out how to get his wickets in the past and I'm sure he will do that for England. No doubt on tour he will listen to advice, but he will sort out for himself what works and what doesn't."

MARK THOMPSON / ALLSPORT

Silverwood was the pick of the Yorkshire seamers during the summer

Glamorgan appoint Fletcher as coach

By Our Sports Staff

GLAMORGAN have appointed Duncan Fletcher, the South African, as their coach for next summer. Fletcher will take up the post at the end of the South African season and will be with Glamorgan until September 16, when he will resume his present position with Western Province.

"I have agreed a one-year contract with a provisional arrangement for a second year," he said. "They approached me and it has been a long-held ambition of mine to coach in Britain."

Fletcher, who was born in Zimbabwe, is widely regarded as the best provincial coach in South Africa. He was with the A team on their tour of England in July and August when they defeated Glamorgan in three days.

Warwickshire are investigating reports that Allan Donald could miss the start of next season because South Africa's domestic knock-out cup competition continues to the end of April. This could lead to a tug of war between Free State, Donald's province, and his English county, who say that he is contracted to be at Edgbaston from April 1.

Dennis Amiss, the Warwickshire chief executive, said: "We have spoken to his agent and he is attempting to clarify the situation as soon as he can contact Allan in India, where he is on tour. Allan has signed a contract with us and we would like him to honour that."

Matthew Hart, the all-rounder, has been recalled to the New Zealand party for the tour of Pakistan. Hart, 24, who has played in 14 Tests, was a surprise omission from a 26-man New Zealand training squad named in August, but he has been called up because of a hand injury to Mark Haslam, the left-arm bowler. Hart will leave for Pakistan today, surprised by his sudden elevation. "I was totally stunned," he said.

New Zealand are in Sharjah at present, needing to improve their performance dramatically if they are to stop a confident Pakistan in the final of the Singer Champions' Trophy tournament today.

The tournament has provided the New Zealanders — who are flying straight to Pakistan afterwards for a Test and a one-day series — an ideal warm-up to build a strong combination for the tough battles ahead, Steve Rixon, the New Zealand coach, said.

Paul Adams, the South African left-arm wrist spin bowler, took four wickets for 68 on his return for Western Province after a three-month injury lay-off in their Supersport Series four-day match against Boland at Newlands yesterday.

SWIMMING

Snelling to get food for thought

By Craig Lord

SIX weeks into his job as Great Britain's first national performance director, Deryk Snelling is about to be baptised into a domestic competition scene that he hopes will provide the pillars to prop up his theory for making champions.

The theory is simple: take a dozen or so internationals, nurture their talent and provide them with scientific back-up and the lifestyle grants needed for full-time "professional" athletes, then watch them float into the top ten in the world. The juniors will aspire to the new standard and rise accordingly.

For the next three days, the St Margaret's Baths, Leicester, plays host to the first of four qualifying rounds of the Speedo British grand prix, the final of which will be held in Sheffield next May.

One of the leading swimmers on view will be Adam Ruckwood, the Commonwealth champion at 200 metres backstroke. Ruckwood went to the Olympic Games as an outside medal hope, but failed to make the final.

After Atlanta, he took a two-month break before discussing with Mike Hepworth, his new coach, what had gone wrong. Ruckwood believed that his programme had changed in the year before Atlanta, when Tim Jones had been coaching him. The aim now is to return to some of the work that helped him in 1995 and before. He is hoping for a sub two-minute swim this weekend when his rivals will include Neil Willey and Adrian O'Connor.

Whereas Ruckwood will have plenty of competition, many of the best will not, an issue that will give Snelling food for thought. For instance, the only real challenge in Britain to Susan Rolph at sprint freestyle is Karen Pickering, who prefers to race in district events until the national championships. Such decisions mean that the grand prix fails to provide the tough racing that it was designed to produce.

Olympic competitors such as James Hickman, Mark Foster and Paul Palmer will be absent this weekend. All three prefer to train away from the limelight and, when they race in December, they will not have been race-tested for five months.

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No. 005657 of 1996
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF HENRY JOHNSON SONS & CO. LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order dated 8th November 1996 the Court has directed separate Meetings of the holders of (1) the Preference Shares and (2) the Ordinary Shares respectively of the above-named Company to be convened for the purpose of considering and if thought fit approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the said Company and the holders of its Preference Shares and Ordinary Shares and that such Meetings will be held at 1st Floor, Thorpe House, 29 Broad Street, Hereford HR4 9AR on 18th December 1996 at the respective times below mentioned, namely:
(1) The Meeting of the holders of the Preference Shares at 11.00;
(2) The Meeting of the holders of the Ordinary Shares at 11.05 or so soon thereafter as the preceding meeting shall have been concluded;
at which place and respective times all the aforesaid Shareholders are requested to attend. Any person entitled to attend the said Meetings can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement, forms of Proxy, form of Notice of Election and copies of the Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 426 of the above-mentioned Act at the registered office of the Company situate at 1st Floor, Thorpe House, 29 Broad Street, Hereford, HR4 9AR and at the office of the undermentioned Solicitors at the address mentioned below during usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) prior to the day appointed for the said Meetings.
The said Shareholders may vote in person at such of the Meetings as they are entitled to attend or they may appoint another person whether a member of the Company or not as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead. It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with the Secretary at the registered office of the Company situate at 1st Floor, Thorpe House, 29 Broad Street, Hereford, HR4 9AR not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the Meetings, but if forms are not so lodged they may be handed to the Chairman at the Meeting at which they are to be used.
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By the said Order the Court has appointed John Edward Fancourt to act as Chairman of each of the said Meetings and has directed the Chairman to report the results thereof to the Court. The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.
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Vizards of 42 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4JL
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CH 96 P 371
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
LEEDS DISTRICT REGISTRY
BETWEEN:
(1) MARTIN ROGER PARR
(2) ROBERT ALAN HESLETT
Plaintiffs
and
MR CHUNG WAI-MAN
First Defendant
ABBEY NATIONAL BUILDING SOCIETY
Second Defendant
NOTICE
To: Mr Chung Wai-Man lately of 106 Silchester Road, London, SE12 9DP
TAKE NOTICE that on the 23 October 1996 judgment was entered against you in the High Court of Justice Leeds District Registry for the total sum of £91,107.66.
AND that it has been ordered that service of the judgment in the said action be effected by this advertisement.
AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that you must with fourteen days of publication of this advertisement inclusive of the day of such publication, acknowledge service of the said judgment otherwise the judgment may be enforced against you.
Dated this 7 day of November 1996
Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave
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Solicitors for the Plaintiffs

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CHANCERY DIVISION
LEEDS DISTRICT REGISTRY
BETWEEN:
(1) MARTIN ROGER PARR
(2) ROBERT ALAN HESLETT
Plaintiffs
and
PERCY AMIHERE First Defendant
GEORGINA OWUSU ANSAH Second Defendant
NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY Third Defendant
NOTICE
To: Georgina Owusu Ansah lately of Flat 2, 75 Flaxman Road, London
TAKE NOTICE that on the 23 October 1996 judgment was entered against you in the High Court of Justice Leeds District Registry as follows:-
(1) THIS COURT DOTH DECLARE that by virtue of the signed form of Transfer referred to in paragraph 6 of the Statement of Claim herein the First Defendant holds the Property known as Flat 2, 75 Flaxman Road, London SE5 (registered under Title Number TGL5934) upon trust for the Second Defendant subject nevertheless to the claims of the Plaintiffs.
(2) AND IT IS ORDERED that there be judgment for the Plaintiffs against the Second Defendant in the sum of £53,000 together with interest thereupon at the rate of 8% per annum from 2 July 1991 to the date hereof (such interest being 1905 days at £11.41 per day, total £22,119.05)
(3) AND IT IS ORDERED THAT the First and Second Defendants do pay the Plaintiff's costs of this action to be taxed if not agreed
(4) AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the balance of the Plaintiff's claims be adjourned sine die with liberty to restore the same upon giving not less than 7 days' notice served in accordance with the Order of District Judge Fairwood herein dated 29 May 1996
AND that it has been ordered that service of the judgment in the said action be effected by this advertisement.
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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION
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(i) Quebec Central Railway Company, c/o Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Office of the Deputy Secretary, 62-65 Trinity Square, London, England, EC3N 3DY, or
(ii) Quebec Central Railway Company, c/o Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Office of the Corporate Secretary, Room 298, Window Station, 910 Peel Street, PO Box 6042, Stobel "Centre Ville", Montreal, Quebec H3C 3E4
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AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT interest shall cease to accrue upon the Debenture Stock so called for redemption and any redemption moneys payable in respect thereof from and after the Redemption Date.
Montreal, Quebec the 15th day of November, 1996.
QUEBEC CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

COMPANY NUMBER 1740087
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NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF GE FINANCING AND TRADING
On 11 November 1996 the above named company was placed in Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas and Colin Graham Bird of Price Waterhouses were appointed liquidators by the shareholders.
All known Creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Date 15 November 1996.
A V Lomas
Joint Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In the Matter of MICHELIN (RUBBER PURCHASING) LIMITED
in Liquidation
I, J.J. Gleave, of Arthur Andersen, Bank House, 9 Charlotte Street, Manchester M1 4BU, give notice in accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that I was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 1st November 1996 by the Members.
J.J. Gleave,
Liquidator

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SPORTS LETTERS

Rugby must seize opportunity

From Mr S. E. Turner

Sir, By the time this rugby union season is completed, it appears that the northern hemisphere countries will have wasted almost two complete seasons in the aftermath of the 1995 World Cup. During that time, the much vaunted Super 12 series, a logical progression from the Ranfurly Shield and Currie Cups, has been launched in the southern hemisphere. In direct contrast, all that has been achieved on the other side of the equator has been a shambolic and insular approach to the onset of professional rugby.

There is one basic truism which the administrators and senior clubs in England seem to have forgotten, namely that international rugby is the lifeblood of the game. The trend towards establishing super clubs ignores the fact that the newly established English game is developing and honing the skills of the various foreign imports in the teams, to the detriment of many young English players (if there is any doubt, just look at English cricket). Therefore, the desire of the clubs to play matches against touring teams is not driven by altruistic desires to improve playing standards for the national team, but is merely a commercial necessity.

The finest example of current rugby organisation from limited resources is undoubtedly Australia, where the game is primarily played in Queensland and New South Wales, who are also the major rugby league states. They have a strong club system, but have consistently given total support to the provincial and state concept. The other major advantage in provincial rugby is the ability of national selectors to monitor and influence the playing standards of their own players; it is axiomatic that this has reaped its own rewards in the performance of the southern hemisphere countries and provinces in all competitions.

It is quite possible for the northern hemisphere countries to have a similar, indeed better, system; however, to achieve that it is essential to have a pan-European approach. To this end, all five major northern hemisphere countries must have a coherent and compatible season. A ten-club first division, a new European divisional competition, a reduced European club cup, domestic cups and internationals could be scheduled into a 35-week season with eight midweek games.

However, unless the administrators and clubs produce a coherent package that will enable all European clubs, countries and international teams to release players across the board at specific times of the season, we should all prepare ourselves for a long wait before a northern hemisphere team ever lifts the Webb Ellis trophy.

Yours etc.
S. E. TURNER,
Glenrose, Gordon Road,
Curdridge, Hampshire.

From Mr R. B. Callaghan

Sir, The present dispute between English clubs and the Rugby Football Union (RFU) is not the first time that the RFU finds itself challenged. The first time was 100 years ago with its disagreement with the Northern Union which eventually spawned the Rugby League.

The RFU's intrasigence split the union then through trying to stop the players being recompensed for loss of a day's earnings. Now, it is trying to control players whose earnings will be £25,000-50,000 and within ten years the top players will be in the £1 million per year bracket.

Sir John Hall is portrayed as the villian in the pack, but he is a man of vision, as is Rupert Murdoch, one of the major backers of sport worldwide. All they are trying to do is pay the players as every other sport in the world does. This is something the RFU has steadfastly refused to allow.

The RFU created rugby league through its authoritarian attitude and rugby league, with its superb athletes, eventually forced the union code to turn professional.

The RFU says it is concerned about the amount of money that will be available for the smaller clubs. The thousands of pounds it is paying Sir Tim Bell to defend the stance it has taken would have been very helpful to the smaller clubs.

Events are moving too quickly for the amateurs of Twickenham and it is time for them to stand aside and let the men of vision take the sport into the 21st century — or will they desperately try to cling to power for another 100 years?

Yours sincerely,
R. B. CALLAGHAN,
Ocean View, Anstey Way,
Instow, Devon.

Cricket takes harsh stance

From Mr R. T. Drane

Sir, Viewing recent events from a completely detached position, I cannot help contrasting in my mind the treatment of problem players in our two leading sports, football and cricket.

Leaving aside the manner in which problems come to light (voluntary disclosure, media probing, routine testing, etc.) what appears to happen in football is that club and governing body rally to support of the player by continuing to pay him handsomely, offering counselling, advice, loyalty and even rehabilitation into the national team.

Contrast this with the case of Ed Giddins, the former Sussex cricketer. I have admired him as an excellent cricketer with a seemingly ideal sporting temperament. Not having made the breakthrough into representative cricket — although, in my view, close to doing so — he was modestly renumerated compared with footballers. He was by no means addicted to drugs, but an isolated lapse that had no effect on his sporting performance has resulted in the cancellation of his playing contract with Sussex and a ban from first-class cricket until 1998.

A promising career has thus been damaged and a likeable person deprived of his living. Why is there no place for loyalty, forgiveness and rehabilitation in cricket?

Yours sincerely,
R. T. DRANE,
92 Marlpit Lane,
Coulsdon, Surrey.

Motto at half cock

From Professor Emeritus Herbert H. Huxley

Sir, Lynne Truss's "Latin lesson" (November 8) prompts one who has written both on Latin and on heraldic mottoes to respond.

It would require great efforts to devise a more feeble motto than *Audere est facere*.

1. The meaning is about as gripping as "to torture is to inconvenience".
2. A heavy verb (*audēre*) is balanced by a light one (*facĕre*).
3. The infinitive endings (*-ere*), though identical in spelling, sound quite differently.

I suggest that Tottenham Hotspur make their motto as good as their football at its best. Why not go for the simple *Audendo* (By daring); one would supply the thought "victory is achieved". If three words is not too verbose, one could adopt Virgil's half-line "*Audentes fortuna iuvat*" (Fortune aids those who dare).

Yours sincerely,
H. H. HUXLEY,
12 Derwent Close, Cambridge.

Capital expenses

From Mr J. D. Lynch

Sir, I recently applied to Wembley for tickets to the England World Cup qualifying matches. To get tickets for the England v Italy match, you must also purchase tickets for England v Georgia and England v Moldova.

Being from the North, besides the cost of the tickets for myself and my son, I will incur the following costs: two days off work for each match, two days off school for my son (travel down Wednesday and get home at 4-5am on Thursday or stay in a motel overnight and travel back the next day), plus the cost of three return journeys to the capital. It is different if you live in London: no days off work as they are evening games, a trip on the Tube, no days off school, no travel expenses.

In their wisdom, the gentlemen of the FA and the Lottery are apparently going to build the new national stadium at Wembley. How can they say it is for all the country?

Over the past years, the majority of trophies have gone to northern clubs; the Premiership has been won only by northern clubs. Look, too, at the attendances at Old Trafford, Anfield, St James' Park and Goodison Park, which show how many football followers there are in the North. Show me four London venues with the attendances to match these.

I have not mentioned Aston Villa, Nottingham Forest or Leeds United. All would find a centrally-sited, true national stadium beneficial for their fans. Ironically, I'm a Newcasle supporter but I'm plumping for Manchester — in fact anywhere but London.

Yours sincerely,
J. D. LYNCH,
110 Westbrooke Avenue,
Hartlepool.

Recorded catch

From Mr Lynn Hughes

Sir, I must correct Brian Clarke on a detail in his article on record catches (November 4). Some years ago, I was invited to read, in her own schoolgirl hand, Georgina Ballantine's first-hand account (in the library at Glendelvine House) of her marathon struggle with that 64lb British record salmon and the story is somewhat different.

It had, by any standards, already been a remarkable day's fishing when Georgina took a lift from the Tay bridge with her father on the boat in which the laird, Alan Lyle, had taken three portmanteau salmon, the largest in excess of 40lb. He had gone home to celebrate his career best. Hers was yet to come.

In line with Brian Clarke's article, the catch was more of an accident than he implies. She at first received a telling-off from her father, head keeper on the estate, for getting the troll snagged up — until it began, most assuredly, to move upstream.

The flesh of that remarkable fish was given to the local hospital, but its skin cast is mounted on the wall of the billiard room, where it ruins the game of every true "disciple of the angle".

Yours faithfully,
LYNN HUGHES,
Dan-y-Bont, Drefach,
Llanelli, Carmarthenshire.

Suicidal tactics

From Mr Peter Harden

Sir, As Gavin Stewart hints in his article on the 1987 Boat Race (Features, November 12), poor journalism ensured that the fictionalisation of the events surrounding the race had begun well before the crews left the start.

As for the result, he (perhaps understandably, as stroke of the winning crew) glosses over the effects of the extraordinary weather conditions on the day. Oxford won, not through tremendous courage and oarsmanship, but by (rightly) employing tactics which, on any other day, would have been race suicide: heading for the calm water at the side of the river.

Had Cambridge joined them 30 seconds earlier, they would not have been so waterlogged that no amount of pulling could retrieve their position.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HARDEN,
(Cambridge University Boat Club secretary, 1986-87),
29 Villiers Street, WC2.

Giant of football

From Mr Edward Grayson

Sir, Danny Blanchflower's unique thinking and leadership, recalled so vividly by David Miller (November 12), were not confined to playing fields.

At a time when players' wages were capped and professional football was regarded as socially and collectively inferior to rugby union, he brought an original dignity, style, wit and respect off the field alongside his skilful playing talents.

John Freeman's *Face to Face* television series saw him give a performance that bore comparison with the great advocate and judge, Lord Birkett. When the BBC attempted to intrude upon his privacy in *This Is Your Life*, he walked off stage sensationally. When he exposed football's growing problems in a regular newspaper column, Arsenal banned him from the press box. He inspired all generations with his leadership at all levels. We shall never see his like again.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD GRAYSON,
9-12 Bell Yard, WC2.

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Langley's law

From Mr Chris Langley

Sir, The universal astonishment at the outcome of the world heavyweight boxing championship bout last weekend has led me to formulate the following law:

When all the experts are agreed about the likely outcome of a forthcoming event, it would be unwise for the non-expert to fail to rush down to his bookmaker and put his life savings on the opposite result.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS LANGLEY,
54 Goldcroft,
Hemel Hempstead,
Hertfordshire.

RACING: IRISH TRAINER AIMS FOR REPEAT SUCCESS IN CHELTENHAM SHOWPIECE

O'Brien retraces familiar highway

By JULIAN MUSCAT

MICHAEL O'BRIEN [...]died Anabatic for the voy[...] from Co Kildare to Chel[...]ham two days ago, his [...]nd would almost certainly [ha]ve embarked on a journey [of] its own. Exactly 16 years [ea]rlier, the trainer sent his [pro]mising chaser, Bright [Hi]ghway, on the same trek — [an]d the gelding returned [ho]me an emphatic winner of [th]e Mackeson Gold Cup.

The future harboured hopes [ri]ch in promise. O'Brien was [th]e reigning champion jumps [tr]ainer in Ireland, while [B]right Highway was the [d]ream incarnate with the [w]orld at his feet. Three weeks [la]ter, an authoritative victory [i]n the Hennessy Gold Cup [s]aw Bright Highway installed [a] clear favourite for the Blue [R]iband at Cheltenham.

He never made it; the horse [w]as out schooling when a [t]endon slipped clean off his [h]ock. It was a shocking accident, yet no man could have better comprehended the travesty than O'Brien himself. He has been confined to a wheelchair ever since a debilitating fall in South Carolina in 1974. "The thing with Bright Highway was a cruel disappointment for us," O'Brien, 53, recalled earlier this week. "He was already the best horse around at the time — and he was only six."

Before his accident, Michael O'Brien was the best jump jockey in the United States — and he was only 30. "He was the most competitive man in the saddle," said his brother, Leo, a weighing-room contemporary of Michael's and now operating successfully as a trainer based in New York. "I was riding for a bigger outfit with better horses, but he beat me to the championship on determination alone. He would have been champion 15 years in a row if he hadn't had that fall."

It is hard to detect such overtures within Michael's conversation. We must be thankful for that; his love of training, much in evidence, has allowed him to drive out the demons. There is no trace of bitterness — much less regret — about the loss of a physically active life. If he is disinclined to dwell on the past, it is because the horses that harmed him have now helped him heal.

Nap: RANDOM HARVEST
(3.15 Ayr)
Next best: Southampton
(2.25 Cheltenham)

Nevertheless, Leo's account of that fateful afternoon in 1974 is hypnotic — not just for its clarity of expression, but for the unbreakable bond between the two brothers. "We were both hacking to the start for the Carolina Cup," Leo recollected, "when Michael asked me to have a look at his horse. He said it didn't feel right. Well, the horse jogged fine and looked perfectly sound, but Michael was unusually anxious.

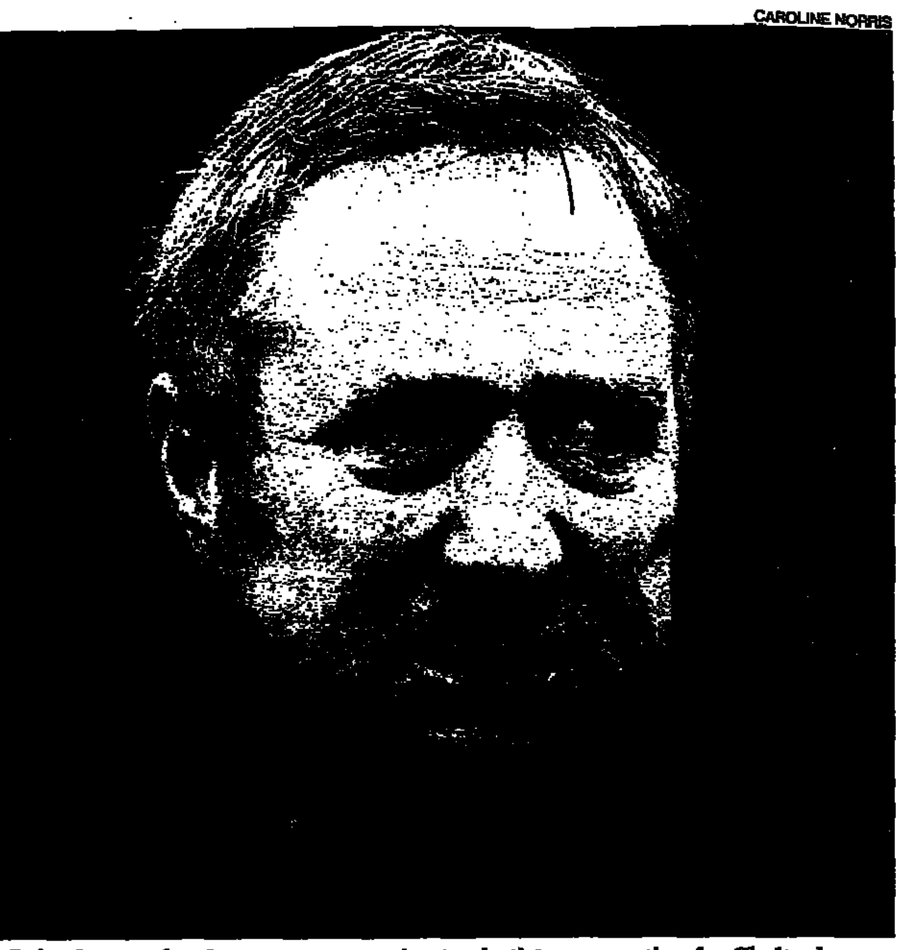
"So we were riding together near the third fence, both of us towards the rear, and I kept looking across at Michael's horse. Of course, I had to look at the fence as we approached it and the next thing there was this merciless crash. The horse had had a heart attack. I looked over at Michael and he was in the air, coming down. He landed on the point of his neck and I heard it snap like a mallet. Then another horse jumped the fence and landed with one of his feet on Michael's chest. He had no chance at all."

It was two years before Michael could adopt a positive outlook. The brothers returned home to purchase a plot of land on the edge of the Curragh and set about founding a stable. "It was pretty rough when we started," Leo said. "We built the place from scratch and expanded it to 48 boxes, and in our fourth year Michael was champion trainer in Ireland. Michael has an eye; he bought Bright Highway out of a field for small money. By then he would say that the only thing he couldn't do was walk."

O'Brien has since landed two Irish Nationals and a Triumph Hurdle in a career notable for the realism with which he campaigns his horses. That alone highlights Anabatic's chance in the Murphy's Gold Cup at Cheltenham tomorrow, although O'Brien won't be on hand to saddle the horse.

Anabatic, by Strong Gale, is named for the meteorological term describing the upward flow of air. Doubtless, O'Brien's soul will soar in the same direction if the eight-year-old prevails.

CAROLINE NORRIS



O'Brien braves the elements to supervise Anabatic's preparation for Cheltenham

THUNDERER

1.15 Coolree
1.50 Hunting Lore
2.25 Southampton
3.00 Just Little
3.35 The Last Fling
4.05 Ramsdens

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

1.15 COLN VALLEY FISH AND GAME COMPANY AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,160: 2m 4f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 22141F- SPANISH LIGHT 251 (D,F,G,S) (Sir John Barlow Bt) J Barlow 7-11-10 .. D Barlow (7) 99
2 13FP-5P MAN MOOD 19 (BF,G,S) (J Robbins) C Brooks 5-10-13 ... E James (7) 88
3 321P4-1 COOLREE 22 (D,F,G,S) (B Weston) P Nicholls 8-10-11 ... J Tizzard (7) 95
4 3131-82 OSCAIL AN DORAS 22 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs L Williams) F Murphy 7-10-10 R Thornton (5) 94
5 311-433 DANCING VISION 6 (D,F,G,S) (J Carey) E McNamara (Ire) 6-10-7 ... J T McNamara —
6 138FP-3 CROPREDY LAD 13 (F) (R Hall) P Webber 9-10-0 ... P Scott (7) 90

Long handicap: Cropredy Lad 9-12.

BETTING: 6-4 Coolree, 3-1 Oscail An Doras, 9-2 Dancing Vision, 6-1 Spanish Light, 7-1 Man Mood, 14-1 Cropredy Lad

1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SPANISH LIGHT beat Fiftysevenchannels 20l in 4-runner novice chase at Haydock (2m, soft) on last completed outing. MAN MOOD 28½l 5th of 9 to Zeredar in handicap chase at Wincanton (2m, good) on last completed outing. COOLREE beat OSCAIL AN DORAS (4lb better off) 5l in 5-runner amateur riders' handicap chase at Ludlow (2m 4f, firm). DANCING VISION 7½l 3rd of 8 to Persian Halo in handicap chase at Naas (2m 3f, yielding). CROPREDY LAD 48l 3rd of 4 to Time Enough in handicap chase at Warwick (3m 2f, good to firm). Selection: COOLREE.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ayr: 12.25 Endowment, Grandinare, Grinnell. Cheltenham: 4.05 Ramsdens. Lingfield Park: 1.40 Battle Ground, Ekaterini Paritsi. 2.15 Agwa. 3.55 Rock The Barney.

1.50 SCUDAMORE CLOTHING NOVICES HURDLE (£3,680: 2m 5f) (7 runners)

1 121111 COURBARIL 16 (CD,F,G) (Richard Green (Fine Paintings)) M Pipe 4-11-8 A P McCoy 98
2 31- HUNTING LORE 182 (F) (M Ritzenberg) N Henderson 5-11-8 ... M A Fitzgerald 99
3 034-1 EDGEMOOR PRINCE 23 (F) (The Racing Hares) P Hobbs 5-11-4 ... R Dunwoody 82
4 BLAAZING JOE 22F (W Clifford) D Williams 5-11-0 ... P Holley —
5 5-86333 LEAP IN THE DARK 4 (Mrs D Morris) Miss L Siddall 7-11-0 ... A Maguire 88
6 500-F OPERETTO 10 (G Hock) Mrs S Hock 6-11-0 ... Mr E James 68
7 51-442 SUPERMODEL 55F (G) (Miss S Rudge) Mrs N Macauley 4-10-13 Mr R Thornton (5) 73

BETTING: 6-4 Hunting Lore, 7-4 Courbaril, 9-2 Edgemoor Prince, 12-1 Supermodel, 14-1 Operetto, 16-1 Blaazing Joe, 25-1 Leap In The Dark

1995: WISLEY WONDER 5-11-4 T Jenks (7-2) N Twiston-Davies 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

COURBARIL beat Freddie Muck 1¼l in 5-runner handicap hurdle over course and distance (firm). HUNTING LORE beat Flying Gunner 2l in 15-runner novice hurdle at Stratford (2m 6f 110yd, good to firm). EDGEMOOR PRINCE beat Ifasab 5l in 7-runner novice hurdle at Exeter (2m 1f 110yd, good to firm). LEAP IN THE DARK 12½l 3rd of 10 to Lifebuoy in novice handicap hurdle at Carlisle (2m 4f 100yd, good). OPERETTO fell at second last when in lead on last start. Previously 58l 14th to Tara Rambler in novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 4f, good). SUPERMODEL 11l 2nd to Million Dancer in novice hurdle at Worcester (2m, good to firm). Selection: COURBARIL.

2.25 MITSUBISHI SHOGUN HANDICAP CHASE (£6,827: 2m) (4 runners) C4

1 11U123- LORD DORCET 204 (D,F,G,S) (J Hogg) J Charlton 6-11-10 ... R Dunwoody 99
2 5-211F3 CAPTAIN KHEDIVE 27 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Khedive Pans) P Nicholls 8-11-7 ... A Maguire 95
3 11/F38-4 KONVEKTA KING 14 (D,F,G,S) (Konvekta Ltd) O Sherwood 8-11-2 ... J Osborne 92
4 53212-2 SOUTHAMPTON 15 (V,D,F,G,S) (Highflyers) G Balding 6-10-11 ... A P McCoy 95

BETTING: 5-4 Southampton, 6-4 Lord Dorcet, 6-1 Konvekta King, 7-1 Captain Khedive.

1995: WONDER MAN 10-11-2 M A Fitzgerald (8-5) N Henderson 2 ran

FORM FOCUS

LORD DORCET about 15l 3rd of 7 to Viessina Canyon in grade III novice chase at Punchestown (2m, soft). CAPTAIN KHEDIVE 32l 3rd of 4 to Super Tactics in handicap chase at Kempton (2m, good). KONVEKTA KING 33l last of 4 to Regal Romper in handicap chase at Wetherby (2m, good). SOUTHAMPTON 2l 2nd of 3 to Callisoe Bay in handicap chase at Stratford (2m 1f 100yd, good). Selection: SOUTHAMPTON

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
O Sherwood	11	59	18.6	A P McCoy	15	61	24.6
N Twiston-Davies	31	205	15.1	R Dunwoody	36	191	18.8
C Brooks	6	45	13.3	A Maguire	24	153	15.7
M Pipe	28	231	12.1	C Swan	10	64	15.6
F Murphy	4	35	11.4	R Guest	4	30	13.3
N Henderson	12	111	10.8	J Osborne	19	147	12.9

3.00 MURPHY'S IN A BOTTLE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £5,472: 2m 110yd) (4 runners) C4

1 21303-R DANJING 2 (B,D,G) (Knight Hawks Partnership) M Pipe 11-3 ... A P McCoy 97
2 5013-25 SAMANID 13 (D,F) (Magnum Construction Ltd) Miss L Siddall 11-3 ... A Maguire 75
3 2211-24 MIM-LOU-AND 14 (D,BF,F,G) (J Martin) Miss H Knight 11-0 ... J Osborne 86
4 2-43121 JUST LITTLE 34 (D,F,G) (S O'Farrell) A O'Brien (Ire) 10-12 ... C F Swan 99

BETTING: 4-6 Just Little, 2-1 Danjing, 9-2 Mim-Lou-And, 25-1 Samanid.

1995: MYSILV 5-11-2 J Osborne (2-7 fav) C Egerton 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

DANJING ran out at Newbury on Wednesday. Previously 7l 3rd of 11 to Zabadi in Glenlivet Anniversary Hurdle at Aintree (2m 110yd, good). SAMANID 25½l 5th of 13 to Queen of Spades in novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good). MIM-LOU-AND 29½l 4th of 7 to El Don in novice handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good). JUST LITTLE beat Noble Shoon 12l in 5-runner hurdle at Fairyhouse (2m, good to firm). Selection: JUST LITTLE

3.35 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS NOVICES CHASE (£6,840: 3m 1f) (4 runners) C4

1 P11-1P1 FACTOR TEN 34 (F,G) (Premier Crops Ltd) Miss H Knight 8-11-8 ... A Maguire 99
2 622-112 STORMTRACKER 19 (F) (T Davis) C Weedon 7-11-5 ... M Richards 77
3 1150-11 THE LAST FLING 14 (D,F,G) (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) Mrs S Smith 6-11-5 R Guest 97
4 0/3F2 MINOR KEY 13 (R Ellis) J Jenkins 6-11-0 ... G Bradley 85

BETTING: 4-9 The Last Fling, 3-1 Factor Ten, 5-1 Stormtracker, 20-1 Minor Key

1995: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

FACTOR TEN beat All's Alibi 4l in handicap chase at Bangor (3m 110yd, good). STORMTRACKER 17l 2nd to Hanakham in novice chase (3m 110yd, good to firm). THE LAST FLING beat Chopwell Curtains 3l in novice chase at Wetherby (3m 1f, good). MINOR KEY 27l 2nd to Strong Promise in novice chase at Ascot (2m 3f 110yd, good to firm). Selection: THE LAST FLING (nap)

4.05 EUROBALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,827: 2m 5f) (4 runners) C4

1 22P0-48 STAUNCH RIVAL 10 (D,F,G,S) (J Aplin) G Thorner 9-11-10 ... Clare Thorner (5) —
2 3151-55 STONEY VALLEY 13 (F,G,S) (Ellis & Partners Ltd) J Jenkins 6-10-11 ... N T Egan (5) 94
3 61105-6 WORLD EXPRESS 9 (B,S) (M Doggin) B Millman 6-10-6 ... D Salter 99
4 3213-4P RAMSDENS 14 (B,C,BF,G) (J Duggan) N Twiston-Davies 4-10-6 ... D Walsh 97

BETTING: 6-4 Ramsdens, 2-1 Staunch Rival, 11-4 World Express, 7-1 Stoney Valley

1995: GINGER JIM 4-10-7 M Clinton (13-8 fav) P Hedger 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

STAUNCH RIVAL distant 6th of 7 to Fools Errand in handicap chase at Exeter (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft). STONEY VALLEY distant last of 5 to Silver Groom in handicap hurdle (2m 100yd, good to firm). WORLD EXPRESS 36l last of 6 to Mouse Bird in handicap hurdle (2m 1f, heavy). RAMSDENS 17½l 4th of 11 to Mytton's Choice in handicap hurdle at Chepstow (2m 110yd, good) on last completed outing. Selection: RAMSDENS

Visor can work the oracle again for Southampton

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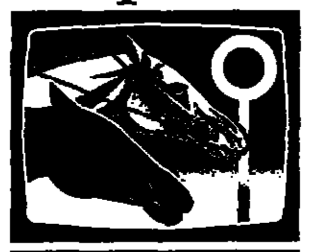

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.25: With **Southampton** visored once again, he must go close. On the five occasions during the past three years when Toby Balding's runner has worn headgear after races without them he has won. That remarkable record can continue here, especially as he looks well weighted after his encouraging seasonal reappearance behind Callisoe Bay at Stratford 15 days ago.

Tony McCoy, who has been on board for the six-year-old's last six victories, has ridden Lord Dorcet and Captain Khedive but is sticking with Balding's chaser. Lord Dorcet was a useful recruit to the chasing ranks last term and is open to more improvement than Captain Khedive (needs a fast-run race) and Konvekta King.

3.00: The Irish can enjoy an early taste of Cheltenham success, courtesy of the in-form **Just Little**. Aidan O'Brien's runner was third in the Galway Hurdle in August and, more recently, finished a good second in a grade two race at Listowel before winning easily at Leopardstown.

Danjing has sound form credentials but, having run out at Newbury on Wednesday, he clearly has his own ideas about racing. If blinkers galvanise him into action, Martin Pipe's runner is a big danger.

3.35: Factor Ten has proved a revelation since being treated for a copper deficiency and the Henrietta Knight-trained chaser won with any amount in hand at Bangor last month.

On the same card, **The Last Fling** justified odds-on favouritism when making his debut over fences. The form of that race has worked out well and Sue Smith's chaser followed up impressively at Wetherby two weeks ago. A useful hurdler last term, he could make up into an even better chaser and can oblige here.

4.05: Stoney Valley has strong claims on last season's form, but has run badly on both outings this term. With Staunch Rival out of form and World Express best when the mud is flying, Ramsdens is the choice by default.

The course and distance winner, trained by Nigel Twiston-Davies, ran unaccountably badly when sent off favourite at Bangor two weeks ago, but holds a good chance judged on an earlier effort at Chepstow and when winning here in April.

RICHARD EVANS

THUNDERER

12.25 Loveyoumillions. 12.55 Troy's Dream. 1.30 Jaunty General. 2.05 UK Hygiene. 2.40 Lochnagrain. 3.15 Random Harvest. 3.45 Trap Dancer.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 12.25 ENDOWMENT.

GOING: GOOD SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

12.25 GALLOWAY HILLS MAIDEN HURDLE (Div I: £1,996: 2m) (11 runners)

101 4/P- BOWCLIFFE 8F Mrs A Naughton 5-11-5 ... J Supple —
102 2 ENDOWMENT 13 (B) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-5 ... P Niven 99
103 63/ FILS DE CRESSON 595 J Adam 6-11-5 ... J Railton —
104 0- GALLANT MAJOR 203 M Barnes 4-11-5 ... J Burke —
105 0-3 GRANDINARE 9 (B) J J O'Neill 4-11-5 ... M Dwyer 92
106 B-06 GRINNELL 181 (V) D McCune 6-11-5 ... K Johnson —
107 LOVEYOUMILLIONS 147F M Tinkler 4-11-5 ... L Wyer —
108 PERCY PARROT 95F A Whillans 4-11-5 ... B Harding —
109 0/ PUBLIC WAY 80F N Chamberlain 6-11-5 Miss C Metcalfe (7) —
110 0 SMART IN SOCKS 50 Miss L Russell 5-11-5 ... A Thornton —
111 005- BILL'S PRIDE 235 P Monteith 5-11-0 ... A Dobbin —

5-4 Endowment, 2-1 Grandinare, 5-1 Loveyoumillions, 12-1 Fils de Cresson, 16-1 Percy Parrot, 20-1 Bowcliffe, 25-1 others

12.55 MOSSBLOWN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,982: 2m 4f) (11)

201 /15 LATVIAN 8F (V,D,F) R Allan 9-11-10 ... S Melrose (3) 93
202 06-3 TALL MEASURE 46 (B,BF,D,F) D Swindlehurst 10-11-9 ... G Cahill 93
203 04-8 HIGHLAND PARK 19 (D,BF,F) E Craggs 10-11-6 ... C McCormack (5) 94
204 4333 LATIN LEADER 20 (B,F) C Parker 6-11-5 ... D Parker 96
205 253- TROY'S DREAM 186 M Hammond 5-11-0 ... R Burns (5) 94
206 4F-0 SAYMAF DANCER 19 Mrs A Naughton 7-11-5 ... J Supple 99
207 900- SKANE RIVER 310 R Richards 5-10-9 ... M Dunne (3) 94
208 PP-4 CHUMMY'S SAGA 7 (D,F) L Lungo 6-10-7 ... I Jardine (7) 81
209 45-F CIRCLE BOY 7 W Storey 8-10-6 ... R McGrath 98
210 3/5- WE'RE IN THE MONEY 493 (G) Miss J Bower 12-10-0 ... Froggitt —
211 80P- NAWTINOOKEY 235 M Todhunter 6-10-0 ... G Lee —

9-4 Skane River, 7-2 Latin Leader, 5-1 Latvian, 6-1 Troy's Dream, 8-1 Tall Measure, Chummy's Saga, 12-1 others.

1.30 GALLOWAY HILLS MAIDEN HURDLE (Div II: £1,982: 2m) (10)

301 4F DARA KNIGHT 22 R Smyth 7-11-5 ... Gerard Martin (7) —
302 0-23 GOLF LAND 15 L Lungo 4-11-5 ... M Dwyer 89
303 0- JARROW 220F Mrs A Naughton 5-11-5 ... J Supple —
304 400- JAUNTY GENERAL 223 C Parker 5-11-5 ... B Storey 92
305 00- JUDICIOUS NORMAN 232 J Adam 5-11-5 ... J Railton 99
306 0-30 MULLINS 20 D Moffatt 5-11-5 ... D J Moffatt 95
307 SUNNY LEITH P Monteith 5-11-5 ... G Cahill (3) —
308 0- MOTO RACING 242 M Todhunter 5-11-5 ... P Niven —
309 534- CLARE MAID 228 (S) G Richards 7-11-0 ... A Dobbin —
310 0505 FENIAN COURT 15 Miss L Bower 5-11-0 ... A S Smith 95

9-4 Golf Land, 5-2 Clare Maid, 4-1 Jaunty General, 7-1 Judicious Norman, 10-1 Mullins, 12-1 Fenian Court, 16-1 others.

2.05 GLENGOYNE MALT TAMEROSIA SERIES NOVICES CHASE (£3,675: 2m) (14)

401 3212 CASTLEROYAL 20 (D,F) I Ferguson (Ire) 7-11-8 ... L Wyer 99
402 F-51 DEVILRY 21 (D,G,S) B Craggs 6-11-6 ... A S Smith 86
403 P0/ BOLD BOSS 587 (G,S) S Moore 7-11-0 ... M Bentley —
404 /0/ CROSSHOT 718 (F,G,S) R McDonald 9-11-0 ... K Jones —
405 40-U FINE TUNE 7 Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-0 ... A Thornton —
406 544- GRAND AS OWT 209 D McCune 6-11-0 ... K Johnson 70
407 214- JACK DOYLE 193F (G) J J O'Neill 5-11-0 ... M Dwyer —
408 3-P0 MUSIC BLITZ 38 Mrs D Thomson 5-11-0 ... T Reed 77
409 2F-0 ALWAY 7 (S) M Barnes 6-11-0 ... J Burke —
410 0F0- PAINT YOUR WAGON 272 N Chamberlain 6-11-0 D J Moffatt —
411 203- SINGING SAND 228 P Monteith 6-11-0 ... A Dobbin —
412 254- SPARKY GAYLE 211 (F,G,S) C Parker 6-11-0 ... B Storey —
413 102- UK HYGIENE 207 (F) M Hammond 6-11-0 ... R Garritty —
414 -314 BOLANEY GIRL 35 (BF,F) F Murtagh 7-10-9 ... B Supple —

7-4 Castleroyal, 11-2 Jack Doyle, 13-2 Bold Boss, 7-1 Devilry, 10-1 others.

2.40 FIVEWAYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,415: 3m) (7)

501 810- PALACEGATE KING 195 (S) A Whillans 7-12-0 E Callaghan (5) 90
502 -3P1 LOCHNAGRAIN 6 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-2 (5ex) P Niven 99
503 /0P- DIG DEEPER 354 (D,G,S) R Allan 9-10-7 ... A Dobbin —
504 0-23 PHARARE 7 (D,BF,F,S) R Woodhouse 6-10-8 ... L Wyer 90
505 /P0- MARCHWOOD 335 (G,S) N Chamberlain 9-10-0 ... Miss C Metcalfe (7) —
506 0-12 HUSO 78 (BF,F,S) P Haslam 8-10-0 ... S Taylor (5) 90
507 P55- MAJORITY MAJOR 172 (G) P Cheesbrough 7-10-0 G Cahill (3) —

6-4 Lochnagrain, 9-4 Palacegate King, 9-2 Pharare, 5-1 Huso, 16-1 others.

3.15 JOAN MACKAY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,617: 2m 4f) (10)

601 30-P JYMJAM JOHNNY 14 (S) J J O'Neill 7-11-10 ... M Dwyer —
602 28-2 RANDOM HARVEST 13 Mrs M Reveley 7-11-3 ... P Niven 91
603 -123 BLUE CHARM 6 (F) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-3 ... R Garritty 99
604 107 MONNAIE FORTE 595 (S) J Adam 6-11-0 ... J Railton —
605 2334 REVE DE VALSE 19 (F,G,S) R Johnson 9-10-9 ... K Johnson 93
606 3/4- BELLS HILL LAD 384 (S) J Barclay 9-10-7 ... A Dobbin 91
607 -1U4 SHOW YOUR HAND 7 (D,BF,F) L Lungo 8-10-4 ... M Foster 86
608 5-P4 DIAMOND SPRITE 22 (F) B Smyth 9-10-3 ... Gerard Martin (7) —
609 -333 KILTULLA 7 Mrs S Smith 6-10-0 ... R Wilkinson (7) 88
610 054P SEE YOU ALWAYS 19 (F) M Barnes 6-10-0 ... B Storey —

9-4 Random Harvest, 4-1 Blue Charm, 5-1 Jymjam Johnny, 6-1 Show Your Hand, 8-1 Reve de Valse, Diamond Sprite, 12-1 others.

3.45 LAGG NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,402: 3m 110yd) (12)

1 5- ALMBROOK 405 A Whillans 5-10-12 ... K Johnson —
2 3/2- BOLD FOUNTAIN 353 (G) G Moore 5-10-12 ... N Bentley 99
3 2- CRASHBALLOO 174 P Cheesbrough 5-10-12 ... R Supple 93
4 6P-6 ETHICAL NOTE 13 Mrs S Smith 5-10-12 ... R Wilkinson (7) 73
5 U/U JIGGINSTOWN 569 (G) J J O'Neill 9-10-12 ... A Roche —
6 /P4- PHAR ECHO 203 L Lungo 5-10-12 ... M Foster —
7 /P0- POCAIRE GAOITHE 360 W Storey 6-10-12 ... M Moloney —
8 SMART IN SATIN Miss L Russell 6-10-12 ... A Thornton —
9 /-82 TRAP DANCER 13 (G) P Monteith 8-10-12 ... A Dobbin 95
10 0-0 WILLIE WANNABE 30 Mrs D Thomson 6-10-12 ... T Reed —
11 8F-8 MEADOWLECK 7 W Young 7-10-7 ... B Storey —
12 -425 PROFIT AND LOSS 13 F Murphy 5-10-7 ... M Dwyer 91

9-4 Bold Fountain, 5-1 Crashballoo, Profit And Loss, 7-1 Phar Echo, 8-1 Jigginstown, Trap Dancer, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: A Whillans, 6 winners from 23 runners, 26.1%; G Richards, 43 from 168, 25.6%; Mrs M Reveley, 34 from 142, 23.9%; J J O'Neill, 19 from 87, 21.8%; M Hammond, 10 from 61, 16.4%; C Parker, 15 from 95, 15.8%.

JOCKEYS: R Garritty, 5 winners from 19 rides, 26.3%; A J Roche, 9 from 37, 24.3%; P Niven, 31 from 135, 23.0%; P G Cahill, 9 from 44, 20.5%; J Supple, 5 from 25, 20.0%; A Dobbin, 24 from 131, 18.3%.

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12.05 Lennox Lewis. 12.35 Friendly Brave. 1.05 Cheeky Chappy. 1.40 Battle Ground. 2.15 Standown. 2.50 DOUBLE ESPRESSO (nap). 3.25 Lavender Della. 3.55 Hoofprints.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 BROUGHTONS ERROR (nap).

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.05 SHOWFORCE CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,298: 7f) (12 runners)

1 0004 LENNOX LEWIS 59 (F) A James 4-9-6 ... C Carver (7) 7
2 6368 ARCUS 79 W Muir 3-9-3 ... Dane O'Neill 10
3 0000 DANCING LAWYER 41 (CD,F,G) B Meehan 5-9-2 ... M Tebbutt 9
4 3400 IVOR'S DEED 39 (D,F) C Wall 3-9-1 ... S Sanders 3
5 3000 SLIP JIG 8 (D,S) R Hannon 3-9-1 ... R Hughes 12
6 0204 BOLD STREET 13 (CD,G,S) A Bailey 6-9-0 ... D Wright 5
7 0060 SOAKING 16 (CD,F,G) P Burgoyne 6-9-0 ... D R McCabe 6
8 1100 APOLLO RED 18 (CD,F,G,S) A Moore 7-8-10 ... Candy Morris 4
9 0000 MYSTIC LEGEND 22 J Sheehan 4-8-10 ... S Drowne 2
10 -420 JAREER DO 18 B Palling 4-8-7 ... T Sprake 8
11 0420 REGAL FANFARE 27 (B,F,G) Mrs L Stubbs 4-8-7 S Whitworth 1
12 6000 JUSTINIANUS 62 (D,G,S) J Bridger 4-8-6 ... R Mullen (7) 11

3-1 Slip Jig, 4-1 Lennox Lewis, Bold Street, 8-1 Dancing Lawyer, 16-1 others

12.35 CONFERENCE STAGING HANDICAP (Div I: £2,548: 5f) (10)

1 0011 RAMSEY HOPE 8 (V,CD,F,G) C Fairhurst 3-10-2 (7ex) ... F Lynch (3) 2
2 5002 FRIENDLY BRAVE 10 (CD) Miss G Kelleway 6-10-0 S Sanders 3
3 0004 SILK COTTAGE 27 (V,D,G) R Whitaker 4-9-12 ... D McKeown 4
4 4100 SCISSOR RIDGE 18 (C,D,F,G) J Bridger 4-9-9 ... R Mullen (7) 1
5 1122 ANOTHER BATCHWORTH 8 (B,D) E Wheeler 4-9-7 M Roberts 6
6 0405 KALAR 8 (B,CD,F,G) D Chapman 7-9-5 ... A Culhane 5
7 0656 LLOC 8 (D,S) C Dwyer 4-8-13 ... Nicola Cole (7) 8
8 0006 BASHFUL BRAVE 8 (D,F) J Bangh 5-8-8 ... R Perham 10
9 6658 MYSTERY MATTHIAS 8 (V) Ms Sanders 3-8-6 Jo Hunnam (7) 9
10 5400 TACHYCARDIA 51 (D,F,G) R O'Sullivan 4-7-12 ... J Quinn 7

5-2 Another Batchworth, 7-2 Ramsey Hope, 6-1 Scissor Ridge, 7-1 Friendly Brave, 8-1 Silk Cottage, Lloc, 10-1 Kalar, Bashful Brave, 12-1 others

1.05 CONFERENCE STAGING HANDICAP (Div II: £2,548: 5f) (10)

1 0540 SHARP PEARL 43 (D,F) J White 3-10-0 ... R Hughes 9
2 P550 MUJAS 43 (C,F) L Montague Hall 3-9-10 ... Dane O'Neill 6
3 4300 CHEMCAST 7 (CD,F,G) J Eyre 3-9-7 ... R Lappin 10
4 0603 FEATHERSTONE LANE 8 (V,D,F) Miss L Siddall 5-9-7 D McCabe 5
5 0154 CHEEKY CHAPPY 8 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 5-9-5 ... A Culhane 4
6 0443 NAPIER STAR 8 (V,D,G) Mrs N Macauley 3-9-1 ... C Teague (3) 3
7 5301 MISTER RAIDER 8 (CD,G) E Wheeler 4-8-13 (7ex) D Griffiths (5) 8
8 0560 MIDNIGHT COOKIE 8 B Pearce 3-8-9 ... J Quinn 1
9 2500 SI LA HIGH 8 (CD,G) J Berry 3-8-8 ... G Carter 7
10 6005 LAWSIMINA 11 Miss J Craze 3-8-8 ... S Drowne 2

11-4 Mister Raider, 4-1 Featherstone Lane, 9-2 Cheeky Chappy, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Lewis, 18 winners from 78 runners, 23.1%; Lord Huntingdon, 41 from 184, 22.3%; G Bravery, 6 from 29, 20.7%; J Berry, 20 from 98, 20.4%; J Eyre, 9 from 48, 18.8%

JOCKEYS: M Roberts, 8 winners from 30 rides, 26.7%; R Lappin, 6 from 35, 17.1%; D McKeown, 20 from 121, 16.5%; S Whitworth, 25 from 158, 15.8%; D Holland, 12 from 82, 14.6%; A Culhane, 3 from 21, 14.3%

1.40 CUTTING EDGE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,285: 7f) (8)

1 0350 BATTLE GROUND 4 (B) N Callaghan 8-11 ... R Mullen (7) 1
2 0 PANDORAS LORD 10 J Wainwright 8-11 ... L Charnock 5
3 4580 REBUKE 25 (B) R Johnson Houghton 8-11 ... S Sanders 4
4 642 SLIGHTLY OLIVER 11 (B) G Lewis 8-11 ... A Whelan (3) 7
5 0440 WATERVILLE BOY 29 R Hannon 8-11 ... Dane O'Neill 6
6 2205 EKATERINI PARITSI 123 (V) W G M Turner 8-6 ... T Sprake 2
7 HEAVENLY HAND A Moore 8-6 ... Candy Morris 3
8 0 SANTELLA TWINKLE 13 D Morris 8-6 ... S Davies 8

9-4 Slightly Oliver, 3-1 Waterville Boy, 4-1 Rebuke, 9-2 Battle Ground, 7-1 Ekaterini Paritsi, 12-1 Santella Twinkle, 14-1 others.

2.15 SHOWFORCE CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £2,286: 7f) (12)

1 6020 SHARP 'N SMART 13 (CD,F,G) B Smart 4-9-8 ... M Tebbutt 11
2 4300 XENOPHON OF CUNAXA 67 (D) M F-Godley 3-9-5 D Harrison 6
3 400- BAROSSA VALLEY 462 (G) P Butler 5-9-2 ... S Drowne 12
4 0000 JOVIE KING 140 (V) K McAuliffe 4-9-2 ... R Hughes 2
5 0020 STANDOWN 22 (F,G,S) J Berry 3-8-13 ... G Carter 1
6 4101 DEEPLY VALE 213 (D,G,S) G L Moore 5-8-11 ... S Whitworth 5
7 0060 AGWA 18 (B,CD,G) R O'Sullivan 7-8-10 ... D Biggs 10
8 3000 RAGAZZO 4 (B,CD,G) J Wainwright 6-8-10 ... L Charnock 7
9 0000 SAMSOLOM 57 (CD,F,G) P Howling 8-8-10 ... J Quinn 9
10 0-00 SAINT AMIGO 6J (V,CD,S) R Whitaker 4-8-4 ... F Norton 8
11 ALICIA LEA A Moore 4-8-3 ... Dane O'Neill 4
12 2000 INTO DEBT 11 J Poulton 3-8-1 ... S Sanders 3

3-1 Standown, 9-2 Xenophon Of Cunaxa, 5-1 Deeply Vale, 6-1 Sharp 'n Smart, 8-1 Barossa Valley, Jovie King, 10-1 Agwa, 12-1 others.

2.50 MALAYA GATWICK NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,941: 1m) (9)

1 0013 KAISER KACHE 7 (F,S) K McAuliffe 9-7 ... R Hughes 8
2 2211 DAVIS ROCK 41 (G) W Muir 9-1 ... Dane O'Neill 5
3 000 CHEVAL ROC 18 R Hannon 8-11 ... R Perham 7
4 4001 BROUGHTONS ERROR 20 (G) W Musson 8-10 ... J Quinn 6
5 5400 NOBLE HERO 38 J Sheehan 8-7 ... S Drowne 9
6 2412 DOUBLE ESPRESSO 10 (D,BF,G) M Johnston 8-6 M Roberts 3
7 0136 IRISH FICTION 23 (F) D Cosgrove 8-6 ... G Carter 2
8 0005 MOTCOMBS CLUB 13 (BF) N Callaghan 8-5 ... R Mullen (7) 1
9 5605 AZTEC TRAVELLER 92 (F,G) G L Moore 8-0 ... S Sanders 4

5-2 Broughtons Error, 100-30 Kaiser Kache, 5-1 Davis Rock, 13-2 Double Espresso, 8-1 Motcombs Club, 10-1 Cheval Roc, 12-1 others.

3.25 SOUTHRIVER TOOLS & FIXINGS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,517: 1m 2f) (9)

1 0000 D J CAT 11 W Muir 9-0 ... Dane O'Neill 9
2 0- GO TOO MOOR 387 G Bravery 9-0 ... D R McCabe 6
3 MAD ALEX M Haynes 9-0 ... S Sanders 3
4 00 STRETCHING 4 A Bailey 9-0 ... D Wright 4
5 0-05 BELLAPHENTO 151 J Ringer 8-9 ... R Mullen (7) 8
6 DUTCH DYANE G Enright 8-9 ... N Adams 7
7 KEEN COMPANION T Naughton 8-9 ... J D Smith (3) 5
8 2020 LAVENDER DELLA 22 M Fetherston-Godley 8-9 ... D Holland 1
9 0-0 PERSUASION 22 Lord Huntingdon 8-9 ... D Harrison 2

11-10 Lavender Della, 3-1 Persuasion, 7-1 Keen Companion, 8-1 Stretching, 12-1 Mad Alex, Dutch Dyane, 16-1 others.

3.55 SCENA HANDICAP (£2,846: 1m 4f) (8)

1 -000 DOLLIVER 114 (E) S Dow 4-10-0 ... Dane O'Neill 4
2 0601 FLOW BACK 137 (D,G) G Enright 4-9-13 ... R Mullen (7) 6
3 3542 STALLED 11 (CD,F,G,S) P Wolfwyn 6-9-13 ... S Sanders 7
4 5041 HOOFPRINTS 18 (C,G) Mrs A Perrett 3-9-11 ... J Quinn 2
5 3330 SILVER HUNTER 11 (F) G Bravery 5-9-7 ... D R McCabe 8
6 0005 OUR MAIN MAN 8 (F) R Whitaker 6-9-5 ... R Hughes 5
7 2002 ROCK THE BARNEY 23 (V,D,G) P Burgoyne 7-8-9 P McCabe (3) 1
8 0043 TANIYAR 20 R Hollinshead 4-8-4 ... F Lynch (3) 3

5-4 Hoofprints, 100-30 Stalled, 4-1 Flow Back, 7-1 Rock The Barney, 8-1 Taniyar, 16-1 Our Main Man, 20-1 others.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Towcester

Going: good

1.20 (2m hdle) 1, WILLY STAR (R Guest, 4-1); 2, Tamandu (Mr E James, 11-4); 3, Cross Talk (J Osborne, 6-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Just For A Reason (5th), 12 My Harvest (4th), 14 Derrybelle, 16 Autumn Flame, 20 Brown Eyed Girl (6th). Olden Days (pu). 25 Master Upex. 10 ran. NR: Tomal. 6l, ¾l, 14l, 3½l, 5l. Mrs S Smith at Bingley. Tote: £5.10; £1.80, £1.60, £1.10. DF: £16.60. Trio: £8.70. CSF: £17.85.

1.50 (3m 1f ch) 1, BALLYEA BOY (A Maguire, 3-1); 2, Arderoney Chief (R Dunwoody, 5-1); 3, Celtic Silver (R Guest, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Drumcullen (4th), 9-2 Nickup (f). 5 ran. Nk, 4l, dist. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £3.50; £1.80, £3.00. DF: £12.80. CSF: £16.46.

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, RANGITIKEI (R Dunwoody, 13-8 fav); 2, Mr Poppleton (J Osborne, 5-1); 3, Wilney-De-Bergerac (W McFarland, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Shers Delight (4th), 11-2 Ernest William (5th), 16 Swing Lucky (6th), 25 Bold Charlie. 7 ran. NR: Red Light. 8l, 3½l, 13l, 22l, 1½l. C Mann at Lambourn. Tote: £2.70; £2.00, £3.10. DF: £6.80. CSF: £11.01. Tricast: £19.52.

2.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, SECOND CALL (R Dunwoody, 15-8 jt-fav); 2, Key To Moyade (I Lawrence, 8-1); 3, Thinking Twice (J Kavanagh, 15-8 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 2 Rolle (pu), 50 Copper Cable (4th), Upham Rascal (f). 6 ran. 14l, 13l, 5l. T Forster at Downton. Tote: £3.00; £1.30, £3.10. DF: £7.90. CSF: £15.83.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, POTTER'S GALE (A Maguire, 4-6 fav, Richard Evans's nap); 2, Marlousion (D Gallagher, 9-1); 3, Lady High Sheriff (S Wynne, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 River Bay, 5 Maylin Magic, 12 Moor Hall Lady (5th), 16 Dark Phoenix (6th), 25 September Breeze (f), 40 Bridge Delight (4th), 50 Bel-De-Moor, Miss Mylette. 11 ran. NR: Royal Ruler. 5l, 1¾l, ¾l, 2l, hd. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.40, £4.80. DF: £7.50. Trio: £50.90. CSF: £9.55.

3.50 (2m 5f hdle) 1, EUPHONIC (J Osborne, 11-4 fav); 2, Silver Standard (S Wynne, 3-1); 3, Fortunes Course (Mr A Wintle, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Clean Edge (pu), 8 La Menorquine (5th), 8 Brass Of Mar (6th), 11 Mentena, 16 Pyramis Prince (pu), 33 Dahlia's Best (4th). 9 ran. 2l, 2l, 3l, 2l, 11l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £3.60; £2.00, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £6.40. Trio: £8.10. CSF: £12.52. Tricast: £26.00.

Jackpot: £4,795.10.

Placepot: £26.40. Quadpot: £7.50.

Taunton

Going: good to firm

1.00 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Nova Run (Mr C Vigors, 4-1); 2, Sevam Gale (17-2); 3, Zingibar (15-8 fav). 11 ran. 6l, 14l. N Henderson. Tote: £5.90; £1.90, £3.20, £1.10. DF: £18.40. Trio: £17.40. CSF: £34.88. Tricast: £76.06.

1.30 (2m 3f ch) 1, Chickabiddy (R Johnson, 5-2); 2, Ashmead Rambler (4-1); 3, Lord Nitrogen (7-1). Nordic Valley 5-4 fav (f). 5 ran. 23l, 15l. G Edwards. Tote: £3.00; £1.10, £3.50. DF: £9.20. CSF: £11.35.

2.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Little Hooligan (R Johnson, 6-1); 2, Blurred Image (8-1); 3, Mutawali (4-1). Indira 11-4 fav (ur). 10 ran. 2l, 1½l. G Edwards. Tote: £4.50; £1.60, £2.60, £2.00. DF: £17.90. Trio: £46.70. CSF: £47.37. Tricast: £194.85.

2.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Rosencrantz (N Williamson, Evens fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Portscatho (10-1); 3, Magic Wizard (66-1). 13 ran. NR: Nordance Prince. 11l, 3½l. Miss V Williams. Tote: £2.40; £1.80, £2.20, £11.40. DF: £7.90. Trio: £110.50. CSF: £11.66.

3.00 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Honey Mount (N Williamson, 9-4 fav); 2, Copper Coil (9-2); 3, Dragonmist (6-1). 9 ran. 2l, 6l. N Walker. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £5.70. Trio: £11.00. CSF: £12.11.

3.30 (3m ch) 1, La Mezeray (D Walsh, 5-1); 2, Henley Wood (7-2); 3, Gallic Girl (33-1). Herbert Buchanan 7-4 fav. 6 ran. 1l, 6l. Mrs J Hawkins. Tote: £7.10; £3.20, £2.00. DF: £16.90. CSF: £21.99.

4.00 (2m 1f flat) 1, Midas (A P McCoy, 3-1); 2, Little Jake (7-4 fav); 3, King Of The Blues (11-2). 10 ran. 1½l, 3½l. K Burke. Tote: £4.50; £1.10, £2.90, £1.60. DF: £7.00. Trio: £4.90. CSF: £9.12. Scoring Pedigree finished first, but after a stewards' inquiry was placed last.

Placepot: £23.00. Quadpot: £10.30.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

12.10 (1m) 1, Miracle Kid (W Ryan, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Protocol (11-4 jt-fav); 3, Chief Predator (33-1). 9 ran. Nk, 2½l. J Gosden. Tote: £3.70; £1.10, £1.10, £6.30. DF: £2.30. Trio: £13.60. CSF: £8.99.

12.40 (1m 2f) 1, Ambassadori (M Roberts, 7-1); 2, Rowlandsons Charm (6-1); 3, Philistar (5-1 jt-fav). Alakhluki 5-1 jt-fav. 8 ran. 5l, nk. C Brittain. Tote: £5.80; £3.20, £1.90, £2.10. DF: £11.70. CSF: £41.73. Tricast: £183.94.

1.10 (7f) 1, Smithereens (S Copp, 11-2 jt-fav); 2, Statistician (10-1); 3, Shontaine (16-1). Speedy Classic 11-2 jt-fav. 14 ran. 1¼l, ½l. P Walwyn. Tote: £6.40; £1.60, £5.40, £6.20. DF: £87.50. Trio: £153.20. CSF: £52.19. Tricast: £777.64.

1.40 (1m) 1, Hayes Way (S Sanders, 10-1); 2, Premier (6-4 fav); 3, Lochlass (16-1). 9 ran. 2½l, 2½l. T Mills. Tote: £6.10; £2.20, £1.10, £6.70. DF: £11.10. Trio: £123.70. CSF: £23.74.

2.10 (1m 4f) 1, Steamroller Stanly (G Carter, 14-1); 2, Polar Champ (8-1); 3, More Than You Know (20-1). Opera Buff Evens fav. 9 ran. 3½l, 2½l. C Cyzer. Tote: £24.70; £6.00, £3.60, £8.00. DF: £59.60. Trio: £198.20. CSF: £109.36.

2.40 (6f) 1, Just Loui (T Sprake, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Silent Valley (16-1); 3, Masterstroke (11-1). Last Chance 7-2 jt-fav. 9 ran. 5l, 2½l. W G M Turner. Tote: £3.60; £1.50, £2.40, £2.30. DF: £23.90. Trio: £103.50. CSF: £45.19.

3.10 (6f) 1, Madrina (P Fessey, 5-2 fav); 2, School Boy (5-1); 3, Rawi (5-1). 13 ran. 5l, 4l. J Berry. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £1.50, £3.60. DF: £9.10. Trio: £15.90. CSF: £15.57.

3.40 (1m 2f) 1, Arzani (R Mullen, 6-5 fav; Thunderer's nap and Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Paronomasia (50-1); 3, Allayza (5-1). 8 ran. 1¼l, 7l. D Cosgrove. Tote: £1.90; £1.00, £12.60, £1.40. DF: £15.00. CSF: £38.74. Tricast: £208.59.

Placepot: £210.50. Quadpot: £68.50.

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CHANGING TIMES

FOOTBALL

Deal ends threat of strike by players

By Russell Kempson

THE threat of a players' strike was finally laid to rest yesterday when the Football League agreed to make an annual payment of £1.35 million, for five years, to the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA). The money will come from the League's £125 million television agreement with BSkyB, which started this season.

The new package was voted through after a 30-minute discussion at a meeting of chairmen and representatives, from all 72 Nationwide League clubs in London. It was immediately welcomed by the PFA, which had balloted its members and received a unanimous mandate to carry out industrial action.

Brendan Batson, the deputy chief executive of the PFA, said: "Obviously, we're delighted this has been settled at last. We're disappointed it had to go this far. I don't think anyone really wanted it to, but we're pleased with all the support we have had from our members in the Football League."

The dispute involved the yearly contribution made by the League to the PFA from its television revenue. Traditionally, it had been designated as 10 per cent, but it was suddenly changed to a "discretionary" amount. The PFA, which received £560,000 from the League last year, protested strongly, with Gordon Taylor, the chief executive, adamant that he would ask the players to strike in an effort to secure a better deal.

Andy Williamson, the League secretary, said: "We're happy this saga has been brought to a satisfactory conclusion. It means that supporters and our commercial partners can be assured that there will be no disruption to the League programme.

"I think we were always moving towards an eleventh-hour agreement, it was always likely to be quite protracted. Everybody hoped we could have avoided all the uncertainty, but, unfortunately, that's the way things tend to develop. It is difficult for any side to claim they have won the day. It is a compromise and both sides are now happy."

Under the terms of the new deal, the PFA will receive a £750,000-a-year down payment, with a further £600,000 a year earmarked for mutually agreed projects — coaching initiatives, youth schemes and private medical insurance.

The League has also decided to radically restructure its format, with Gordon McKeag, the League president, expected to stand down at the end of the season. The change, if agreed at an emergency general meeting of the clubs next month, will see the scrapping of the existing seven-man board, of which McKeag is chairman, and a nine-man body formed to replace it.

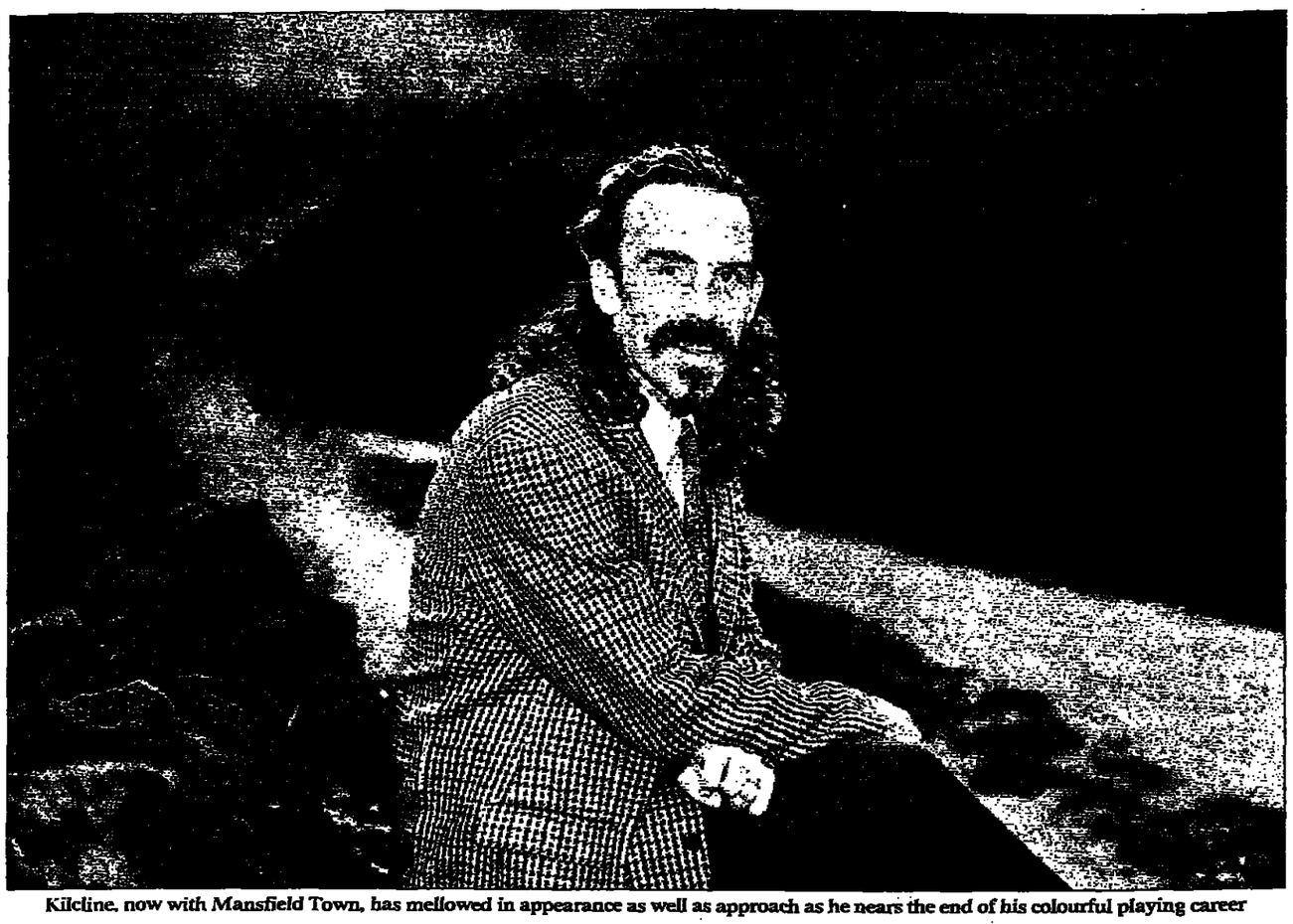
David Sheepshanks, of Ipswich Town, proposed the move, along with Ron Noades, of Crystal Palace, Jonathan Hayward, of Wolverhampton Wanderers, and Ian Stott, of Oldham Athletic. "I'm absolutely delighted," Sheepshanks said. "There were a lot of views expressed as this clearly is a radical change.

"This was started by the first division clubs, but it very quickly captured the imagination of the second and third division clubs as well. There was a very strong feeling that change had to happen."

Under the blueprint devised by Sheepshanks and his colleagues, the new ruling body will commission an independent report that will look at the structure of the League and its board.

If the clubs vote in favour of a new governing body at their emergency meeting, McKeag will relinquish his chairmanship with immediate effect. However, he will not give up his presidency of the League until next summer, after the new board has considered the findings of the report.

Debate on the matter lasted 2½ hours and there was some dissent from the gathering. However, when a vote was called for to arrange the emergency meeting, only one, unnamed, club was opposed to it.



Kilcline, now with Mansfield Town, has mellowed in appearance as well as approach as he nears the end of his colourful playing career

Giant Killer seeks one more Cup victim

Richard Hobson meets a defender with a reputation for tackling some of the game's toughest assignments

Killer Kilcline. The syllables roll off the tongue. Watch Brian Kilcline in action and clearly there is more to the nickname than a handy piece of alliteration. There always was. The Viking locks have been replaced by a ponytail and the bushy beard exchanged for a tidy goatee, but, in the rough, tough world of third division football, Kilcline remains as robust as a barn door.

These days, he is the elder statesman for Mansfield Town, a towering figure in every sense. At 34, he is three years older than Steve Parkin, the manager. Few would say it to his face, evident though it may be, but Kilcline is nearing the winter of his career. The highlight is obvious, enshrined on film and paper, and memories of his most glorious day are sure to be rekindled tomorrow.

Nine years ago, Kilcline joined an exclusive group of players to have lifted the FA Cup when he captained Coventry City to a 3-2 victory against Tottenham Hotspur in one of the most open, attractive finals of the past decade. It was another triumph for the underdog, the sort of result that ensures that the word "romantic" can be used legitimately in future references.

This weekend, the Cup begins in earnest with the first round and, for Kilcline, it means a tie against Consett, of the Federation Brewery Northern League, at Field Mill. "Every year, you try to go as far as you can," Kilcline said. "In league football, you cannot really get away with saying you take each game as it comes because it sounds corny, even though it is true. In the cups, there is no other way. Lose one game, and you're out; but, if you lose to a smaller club, then it is even worse because there is the embarrassment as well."

While the nature of the game is changing, and defenders are expected to be proficient in more than jumping, tackling and clearing their lines, Kilcline's style has remained largely unaltered since he made his debut at Notts County as a strapping teenager, inviting the suggestion then that he must have emerged from the womb 17 years earlier with hair on his legs. He took the advice of Howard Wilkinson, then the manager at Meadow Lane, and eschewed the chance of a career with Ireland (both his parents are Irish) to collect two England Under-21 caps. The senior call never came.

The crowning moment for Kilcline: Cup Final glory

"I got led astray," Kilcline said, reflecting on the bad company that ultimately forced him out of Nottingham. "I did things that I wanted to do at the time, but were not appropriate in terms of building a career. Perhaps I was not ready for the commitment that needed to be made." He has learnt from the experience. "The only person I trust in life is my wife," he said.

On the field, there are plenty who have placed their faith in Kilcline. He was Kevin Keegan's first signing at Newcastle United and Keegan said recently that it was Kilcline who saved the club from relegation into the old third division.

The player admits that he is best in a "backs-against-the-wall" situation. He has also helped Coventry and Oldham Athletic away from the threat of relegation. "Even as a school kid, I was playing for the lesser teams and getting beaten regularly," he said. "People think I get into difficult situations deliberately because I enjoy getting out of them."

It is certainly true that Kilcline enjoys a challenge. When he bought a remote farmhouse in Holmfirth, Yorkshire, with his wife, Lynn, it lacked any heating and had damp on the walls. Now, it is a warm, meticulously-decorated home. He also owns a narrow boat, which he has learnt to navigate, and often spends the night before a home game on board the vessel which is usually moored on the River Soar.

None of which fits easily with the public perception of Kilcline as a hard man. "They might see me as this big, strong defender, but, except for a while when I was younger and tried to live up to it, I have never encouraged anybody to think anything about me," he said. "That image is not fair, but it is a bit late in my career for people to change their minds." He says that he has been sent off "two or three times, but never for anything nasty".

Tough as nails at work, soft as grease at play: Kilcline is not the first to fit such a description. He values his privacy, but loves his football. Nothing could be better than a scrappy 2-1 win tomorrow, provided that Consett lead for most of the game.

Scally sees investment reap a rich return at Gillingham

By Our Sports Staff

PAUL SCALLY was a man with something to celebrate yesterday. It was the morning after the night that Gillingham had achieved the greatest result in their 103-year history — a victory over Coventry City, of the FA Carling Premiership, that put them into the fourth round of the Coca-Cola Cup. What is more, it came 16 months after Scally, the chairman, had rescued the Nationwide League second division club from collapse.

Gillingham were on the verge of folding with the club in receivership and with debts of £1 million before Scally, who owns a group of office equipment companies and is a Millwall supporter, bought the club for around £2 million. Since then, Gillingham have not looked back, winning promotion from the third division in May and their night of cup glory at Highfield Road on Wednesday.

"I've been a Millwall supporter for 28 years and had no previous involvement with Gillingham until the summer before last," Scally said, "but I saw on the television that the club was in receivership. I had a look at the club and liked what I saw — the crowd and the potential of the place — and I became hooked.

"I paid over £1.5 million, but I'd not got pots of money to throw in. However, if I could make it pay off the field and make sure the manager didn't have to sell his players for us to break even, then I felt we had half a chance, and that's what happened."

Tony Pulis, the Gillingham manager, said: "Occasions like Wednesday make everything worthwhile. The club has had some days to remember over the past 15 months and clinching promotion at Fulham was very special, but in my wildest dreams I never expected to go to Coventry to get a result. I felt we deserved it over the two games and, having come from 2-0 down, I think we could have finished the job off at our place if we had been given another ten minutes.

"What will it mean financially? I haven't really thought about that so far. That is obviously a big factor, but the game is very important to me and the result was the most important thing. Now, let's look forward to Ipswich in the next round."

Ian Crook, the Norwich City midfield player, was fined £250 by the Football Association yesterday after admitting signing for two clubs at the same time.

In June, Crook was released by Norwich and agreed to join Ipswich Town, their East Anglia neighbours. Norwich, though, reappointed Mike Walker as manager and he persuaded Crook to return to Carrow Road. Crook, however, signed registration forms with Norwich before the contract that he had agreed with Ipswich was declared invalid and he was charged by the FA.

Andorra's debut in international football ended in a 6-1 defeat by Estonia yesterday. Pol marked his name in the history books of the small prinicipality in the Pyrenees by becoming his country's first goalscorer when he equalised after 61 minutes, but Estonia soon regained the lead and, as Andorra ran out of steam, they conceded four more goals in the final stages. Arbeiter scored four for Estonia.

Powling plays on nerves of Brighton's troubled travellers

Alan Lee on how the Sudbury manager is plotting to ambush ailing opposition

Powling: ambition

When a team lies rock bottom of the third division with its supporters in revolt and its directors under siege, the solitary consolation is that fate has dealt all its bad cards. Tomorrow afternoon, at a rustic ground in Suffolk, may prove that the joker has yet to be played on Brighton.

The market town of Sudbury has its attractions. There is a river, some noble old buildings and verdant countryside, but, when the beleaguered players of Brighton bump across the potholed entrance to the Priory Stadium, they can be pardoned for being blind to all this. The FA Cup has simply invited them further into purgatory.

"It is just about the best draw we could have got," Richie Powling, the manager of Sudbury Town, confirmed. "We all want to play a League club at home and, because it's Brighton and they are having a rough time, there is just a slight chance we could win."

The mood is infectious. The shop windows of Sudbury have begun to fill with rosettes and pictures of the town team, for this is their cup final. Out on the pitch, the groundsman stepped down from his tractor, grinned around at the tiny, garishly red stand and the Dickensian floodlights and said: "You wouldn't think we were going to beat Brighton on this, would you?"

Powling's optimism, however, is solidly based, for he is no backwoods dreamer. Early in the 1970s, he made his Arsenal debut, aged 17, and in the next four seasons he played 55 games. "Liam Brady and I shared the same position," Powling said. "I always knew he would be a lot better than me."

The fame that attended Brady turned its back on his stockier friend. A knee injury ended Powling's League career at 21, although, for the next four years, he tried to defy the evidence. He spent a decade as a travelling salesman, but now, at 40, he is enjoying the game again.

After a spell as assistant to Barry Fry at Barnet, Powling managed Grays Athletic, Tiptree United and Harwich and Parkeston. Then, he took his young family from their native Barking and harnessed his ambition to Sudbury. "The aim is to relocate to a new ground out of town and that is my main incentive," he said.

The Priory Stadium has been Sudbury's home since 1952, but David Webb, the club secretary, remembers watching the team play at their previous base, now the town's cricket ground. "I was born in Sudbury and I've been watching the club for 50 years now," Webb said. "I never thought we would come this far — Wembley for the Vase final in 1989 and now the first round of the FA Cup for the first time."

It is not, perhaps, the cosy, small-town team that Webb remembers of old. Powling, though restricted by a budget that forces him to sell two players a year if the club is to survive, has created a team of his own. The captain is Nicky Smith, once of Colchester United but now working as a postman while he trains for the police force. Recently, Powling has added Tony English, formerly the Colchester captain but, like himself, forced out of League football by a suspect knee.

These East Anglian luminaries apart, Brighton will be confronted by the usual non-league mix, including a swimming-pool attendant and a double glazing salesman.

Though acknowledging that Sudbury's facilities, finances and following are as thin as any in the Doc Martens League, Powling claimed that their coaching, scouting and physiotherapy are a match for any. There is character within the team, too.

Last week, protecting a 2-1 first-leg advantage in a cup-tie at Fisher Athletic, they were 5-0 down before half-time yet recovered to score four and go through on away goals. Then, on Saturday, they took an away point from Gresley Rovers, the unbeaten leaders.

Powling speaks with realism. "Nine times out of ten, Brighton will beat us comfortably," he said, "but they won't want to come here and they will find a carnival atmosphere that might just disturb them. Our normal gate is 400 and there will be ten times that many here on Saturday." With that, he dashed off to the printers to collect more tickets. The work of a non-league manager is never done.

SNOOKER: FORMER WINNERS SUFFER DEFEAT ON EVE OF UK CHAMPIONSHIP

White and Parrott fail German test

JOHN PARROTT and Jimmy White, both former winners of the United Kingdom championship, each suffered setbacks on the eve of the 1996 event when there were surprisingly defeated in the final qualifying round of the German Open at Preston Guild Hall yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

Parrott, a realistic contender for the UK title, was beaten 5-3 by David Gray, a rookie professional, while White lost 5-1 to Mark Davis, the world No 55.

After opening match defeats in the Asian Classic, Regal Scottish Masters and Grand Prix, White is devoid of confidence. "It is a very frustrating experience," White said. "When things are going well and you've strung a few wins together, you're in a mould. I am out of that at the moment and I just can't seem to get involved out there."

Unlike White, Parrott, a semi-finalist at the Regal Masters and Grand Prix, has enjoyed an encouraging start to the new campaign. As such, his unusually ineffective display against Gray, 17, came as a shock to his system.

Gray, who was forced to negotiate nine qualifying rounds in order to ensure his place in the final stages of the tournament at the British Army camp in Osnabrück, next month, overcame an understandable degree of nervousness to register the best win of his fledgeling career.

"David is a good little player, I played awfully and a combination of the two all led to this result; I've got absolutely no excuses," Parrott said.

Mark Williams, who won the Grand Prix, highlighted a 5-2 victory over Nick Price with a 140 total clearance, and, in so doing, further endorsed his credentials as a value bet for the £70,000 first prize on offer at the UK championship, which gets under way this afternoon.

SAILING: ARIEL CREW CELEBRATE WITH HEARTY BREAKFAST ASHORE

Turner takes honours with day to spare

ARIEL, skippered by Ras Turner, took the honours to win the first leg of Sir Robin Knox-Johnston's Clipper '96 round-the-world race, when she crossed the finishing line off Fort Lauderdale early yesterday, enabling her crew to enjoy a hearty breakfast ashore (Edward Gorman writes).

Turner and his paying volunteers had taken 21 days and 21 minutes to complete the second half of the leg from Madeira, a distance of 3,700 nautical miles, and he looked to have beaten the nearest of his rivals by at least 24 hours. The next yacht to arrive, early this morning, is expected to be *Chrysolite*, skippered by Colin de Mowbray, followed by *Mermerus*, under Jim Thom.

Turner, a former career naval officer and Whitbread veteran from Saltash, Cornwall, was relieved to have held on to his lead after contending with torn spinnakers for much of the leg. "The light winds were very changeable in the middle and it became like a demolition derby at one stage with spinnakers tearing and a broken halyard pushing one spinnaker into the sea," he said. "Luckily, we were able to effect the necessary repairs and we are thrilled to be on dry land again."

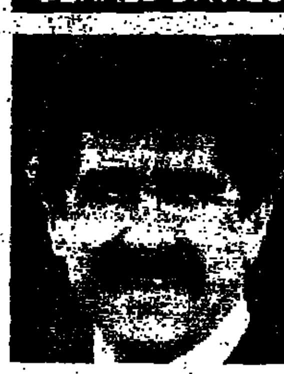
In the Vendée Globe single-handed round-the-world race, Pete Goss, whose first ten days have been hampered by the failure of his radio, yesterday managed to get it going again. He is now able to receive vital weather faxes for the first time since the start. Goss, on *Aqua Quorum*, was lying in tenth place with Catherine Chabaud, of France, on *Whirlpool-Europe 2*, back ahead of him in ninth place and making better speed in light trade wind conditions. The race leader is still Yves Parlier, on *Aquitaine Innovations*, who is 30 miles ahead of Isabelle Autissier, on *PRB*.

AN AMERICAN WEREWOLF IN CRICKLEWOOD
FILMS LOSE THEIR EDGE UNLESS YOU WATCH THEM ON A SAMSUNG WIDESCREEN

Former stand-off half can help inspire Wales to recapture their former glories

Captain Davies to get the dragon breathing fire

GERALD DAVIES



A t first glance, the inclusion of Jonathan Davies in the Wales squad to play Australia on December 1 might appear to be a selection which ignores the long-term development of the team for the possible benefit of short-term gains. But what, may I ask, is so wrong with that?

Having grown accustomed since the first World Cup to the four-year cycle, national team selection seems to be geared, almost obsessionally, towards that objective. It would be misguided, however, to consider every other match simply as a preparation for that main event.

With Davies, 34, there is only the faintest of possibilities that he will, by 1999, be in sufficiently sprightly form to be included for that tournament. Even he, with his unbounded enthusiasm for rugby, will readily admit that the chances are that he will have lost his edge by the time the World Cup arrives in Cardiff almost three years hence. It is a long way off. But that such a distant prospect should only belong to those with youth on their side is hardly the basis for sound selection for next month's fixture.

Who knows what may happen in the meantime? Loss of form, injury and any other sporting catastrophe can soon bring the best-laid plans to nought. Players come and go. Selectors inevitably have to look to the future, but not too far. The next game, as they say, is always the hardest.

Another of those dressing-room *bon mots* says that a team is only as good as its last game. Wales did beat France in their only victory of last season's championship, but there has been little comfort for them since then.

Two heavy defeats against Australia during the summer were followed by failure more recently against France and a less than convincing victory over Italy. The sooner this disappointing series of results comes to an end the better and, for the moment, any thoughts of the World Cup should be put on hold.

> 'He can bring a match to life and turn it in his team's favour'

A squad must be built brick by brick, step by steady step, and the recall of Davies may help that rehabilitation. He is playing well. In this his second season since returning from rugby league, he has had a consistent run in the Cardiff team at stand-off half. Last season, Cardiff chose him at full back and at centre and, because of the presence of Adrian Davies, now with Richmond, Jonathan Davies was only intermittently chosen in the position in which he made such a luminous name for himself.

It was clear that he did not feel at home in the other positions and his club began this season by losing three consecutive matches. That Cardiff have recaptured their reputation since then is no small part due to the magisterial influence of Davies.

No one in his position knows the nuances of the game better than he does. He is a great judge of what the moment requires, of the astute tactical nudge which can bring the match to life and turn it in his team's favour.

He is an astute reader of the game. No one needs to tell him which lines of the plot to follow. He may no longer have the same fleetness of foot as of yore, he may not entirely be committed to the philosophy of "tackle counts", although he never shirks his responsibility in this regard. No one who has played rugby league could.

His job, he is likely to admit, is to stay on his feet and to attempt to direct the game's course — and not to be caught at the bottom of a ruck. His role, as Carwyn James once wrote memorably of Barry John, is not only to sniff the wind but to create it.

But, while all these playing factors in themselves are important, there is, in the present mood of the Wales team, another quality which Davies can impart to his colleagues and which he has in abundance: confidence. His presence alone could prove a crucial asset against Australia.

Having travelled the world and played against the mightiest teams, he has long outgrown the sense of awe that pervades younger, less experienced players as they contemplate facing such reputations. Davies is not overwhelmed by the opposing company.

There are too many players in the Wales squad who have lived for too long in the shadow of defeat and grown too comfortable with failure. Davies, however, is an ebullient man. His effervescent play reflects the optimism of his personality, and this needs to rub off on others. They, too, need to strut as he does.

No outsider knows exactly what mood lies in the dressing-room but, for sure, with Davies in the squad, the spirit will never be diffident nor haunted by disturbing thoughts of previous damage.

As the selectors have taken what may still be thought a bold step to include him in the squad, and will soon have to consider his place in the team, they may, at the same time, consider whether he should in fact lead the side. For Davies could prove a boon to the management: he is his own man and he thrives on responsibility.

MARC ASPLAND

Cardiff are benefiting from the magisterial influence of Davies at stand-off half

New Zealand secure place in classic final

NEW Zealand remain on course to retain their world rugby classic title after a thrilling semi-final victory over South Africa at National Sports Club in Bermuda (Adrian Drummond writes).

The meeting between the two teams of former internationals on Wednesday night produced fast, open rugby in which New Zealand outscored South Africa by five tries to three, winning 25-15.

Deon Oosthuizen scored first for South Africa, after a scything run through the midfield by Helgard Muller, but Alan Crowley, the New Zealand scrum half, countered a minute later with an opportunist break from a ruck to score under the posts.

Thrust and counter thrust followed, Terry Wright and Bernie McCahill scoring for New Zealand and Danie Gerber crossing in the corner for South Africa. Kulu Ferreira brought South Africa level after half-time, but New Zealand's ability to keep the ball in play and to recycle it had South Africa under pressure in the last quarter and resulted in two tries.

New Zealand will play the winners of the match last night between the Celtic Barbarians and Canada.

Leading clubs boycott divisional games

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

THE representative programme in England, which last week threatened some coherence, returned to disarray yesterday when the leading clubs withdrew their players from selection for divisional teams. Their action is a consequence of the breakdown of talks on Wednesday between the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) and the Rugby Football Union (RFU).

"There is no point in us having the ammunition — the players — and not using it," Peter Wheeler, the Leicester chief executive, said. "None of us want to leave the union and, at one stage on Wednesday, I thought we had a solution to the dispute. I would not condemn any club who chose to sign the RFU agreement, because they need the money, but I don't see that as the way to a lasting settlement." The one club, Nottingham, who had signed with the RFU, are now considering rescinding that agreement.

No England player has yet signed an RFU contract and Derek Morgan, the chairman of the RFU national playing committee, said: "I hope that some of the players' contracts have a let-out clause that allows them to play in the divisional matches. These games against strong touring opposition are specifically designed as a stepping-stone into the England A team."

The Argentinian national side arrive on Monday and are scheduled to play London at Twickenham on Wednesday, but the London squad contains only players from Epruc members. "It is shambolic," Tony Jorden, the chairman of the London selectors, said. "We have a fall-back plan which inolves using players from Rosslyn Park and Havant [both third-division clubs], but my worry is that players from that level could be exposed to danger in the scrums against such powerful scrummagers."

Meanwhile, Bath have made eight changes from the XV beaten at Northampton last week for the Heineken Cup quarter-final in Cardiff tomorrow. Jonathan Callard, Andy Robinson and John Mallett are among the rejects and are joined among the replacements by Henry Paul, the rugby league international.

Robbie, Paul's younger brother, has not recovered from an ankle injury, so Will Carling will partner Gary Connolly for Harlequins against Leicester. The fixture congestion this season has forced Leicester to move their traditional fixture with the Barbarians from December 27 to February 25.

IN BRIEF

Duff offers £100,000 for Schwer contest

MICKEY DUFF, the London boxing promoter, is offering a record £100,000 to the winner of the British lightweight championship bout, between Michael Ayers and Colin Dunne, on November 20, to meet Billy Schwer.

Duff, who manages Dunne and Schwer, said yesterday that the bout would be staged at a leading venue in London in February. "It will be a tremendous fight and I would not be able to make it without paying a record purse for the division," Duff said. The bout between Ayers and Dunne, at the Wembley Conference Centre, is almost sold out.

Baddeley boost

Badminton: James Anderson and Ian Pearson, both 22, gave Steve Baddeley, the new England manager, a successful start, completing a 3-2 victory in the first of six matches in a series against China with an impressive performance at Exeter in the deciding men's doubles.

The promising young partnership delivered a 15-5, 15-13 win over Zhang Jun and Min Zhenyu to raise hopes that there might be a repeat of the achievement last year, when England scored a first victory in a series against the Chinese.

Leeds rejected

Rugby league: Iestyn Harris, 20, the Great Britain and Wales stand-off half, has turned down the chance to move to Leeds, which leaves the way clear for St Helens to agree a possible world record deal with Warrington for the player, who is on the transfer list at £1.35 million. "I am flattered by Leeds's approach, but I will not be going there because I have set my heart on joining St Helens," Harris said.

Britain excel

Karate: Great Britain won five gold medals at the world championships in Sun City, finishing ahead of 89 countries, including France and Japan. The team excelled in taking four individual gold medals and a women's team also won gold. The Britain team coach was Ticky Donovan, a previous world title-winner.

Welch drops title

Boxing: Scott Welch, 28, has given up his British heavyweight title after becoming the No 1 contender for the World Boxing Organisation crown. Welch had been ordered by the British Boxing Board of Control to defend his title against Julius Francis by the new year.

ICE SKATING

Absence of pairs gives grounds for concern

By John Hennessy

IF THERE is one discipline in British figure skating that causes greater concern than any other, it is the pairs event. The combined entry for the junior and senior domestic championships in Guildford this week was three, saved from a walkover in one event or the other by one couple, Marsha Poluliaschenko and Andrew Seabrook, making an appearance in both competitions.

But for the loosening of the qualification rules in the past couple of years, there would have been two walkovers. Poluliaschenko, a vivacious 15-year-old Ukrainian, arrived in this country only two years ago, and her progress as a skater has been as impressive as her rapidly-improved command of English. Starting from scratch, she speaks now with hardly a flaw.

She is, then, a godsend at a time when pairs skating in Great Britain is light years away from the era of John and Jennifer Nicks, the winners of the world championship in 1953; and Alan Seabrook and Lesley Pearce, her teachers at Swindon, had a ready-made partner in Alan's son, the British junior solo champion last year.

The problem of sparse entry has been exacerbated this year by stricter conditions imposed by the National Ice Skating Association: silver-medal standard instead of bronze for juniors, gold-medal instead of silver for seniors. The principle behind the change is to strengthen the standard. It may well be justified in the long-term, but the immediate effect is to accept threadbare competition.

At least Poluliaschenko and Seabrook, 18, looked the part and may well provide a challenge to Lesley Rogers and Michael Aldred, the holders of the senior title, later in the week.

Tristan Cousins, 14, the nephew of Robin, the British Olympic champion of 1980, was fourth in the men's junior event yesterday. He skated well, though with a conspicuous absence of triple jumps. As it was, he fell on his second double axel and touched down on a double toe-loop.

The event was won by Alan Street, a stylish Blackburn skater, of 16, who was given pride of place by all seven judges. Howard Davies, 15, from Belfast, was even more stylish, but lacked Street's technical content, offering only one clear triple jump compared with Street's three, although one of which, a toe-loop, was imperfectly landed. Davies finished runner-up for the second successive time and David Walsingham, of Chelmsford, third.

FOOTBALL

* denotes all-ticket match

Nationwide League
First division
Tranmere v Oldham (7.45)

FA Cup
First round
* Woking v Millwall (7.45)

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division (7.45): Bohemians v [illegible]; Dundalk v Shelbourne

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: First division: Newry v Distillery (7.30)

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: Third round: [illegible] v West London (at [illegible], 7.30). FA Premier League Trophy: Under-19: West Midlands v Staffordshire (at Alexandra Stadium, 7.30)

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: International match: England v China (at Boston).

BASKETBALL: Classic Cola National Cup: Quarter-finals: Sheffield v Leicester (7.30); London v Manchester (8.0); Newcastle v Birmingham (7.30)

ICE SKATING: British championships (at Guildford)

SNOOKER: UK championship (at Preston)

SWIMMING: Britain grand prix meeting (at [illegible])

TENNIS: Guardian Direct national championships (at Telford)

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

EXETER: England bt China 3-2 (men's singles: [illegible] bt J Xing-Peng 15-1, 15-9; men's doubles: J Anderson and I Pearson bt Zhang Jun and Min Zhenyu 15-5, 15-13; women's singles: J Muggeridge lost to Liu [illegible] 4-11, 6-11; women's doubles: J Davies and N Beck lost to Quan Hong and [illegible] 15-7, 12-15, 7-15; mixed doubles: J Robertson and L Cole bt Chen Wei and Liu Zhang 15-7, 15-7).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston 100 Atlanta 85; Toronto 110 Philadelphia 92; Cleveland 91 Portland 73; Detroit 95 Denver 94; Washington 105 New Jersey 91; Chicago 103 Miami 71; San Antonio 95 LA Lakers 93; Utah 105 Sacramento 74.

EUROPEAN CUP: Group B: Teamsystem Bologna 81 Olympiakos (Gr) 72. Group C: [illegible] 79 Barcelona 75. Group D: Sevilla 61 [illegible] (Fr) 69. Group H: London Towers 72 Vita Tolis 60.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leicester 90 Hemel and Watford 73

7-UP TROPHY: South pool: Crystal Palace 59 Worthing 62

CRICKET

SUPERSPORT SERIES (formerly Castle Cup): Cape Town (first day of four): Boland 239 (P R Adams 4-68) v Western Province.

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

COCA-COLA CUP: Third-round replays: Arsenal 5 Stoke City 2; Coventry City 0 Gillingham 1; Liverpool 4 Charlton 1.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham City 3 Bolton Wanderers 1; Manchester City 2 Oxford United 3; West Bromwich Albion 1 Sheffield United 2.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: St Johnstone 3 East Fife 0

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Second qualifying round replay: Sittingbourne 2 Aylesbury United 1

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Southern division: Forest Green 3 Weston-super-Mare 1

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 2 Swansea 1; Norwich 4 Southampton 3; Portsmouth 2 Bristol Rovers 0.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool 0 Port Vale 3; Huddersfield 1 Preston 0; Middlesbrough 3 Sunderland 3. Second division: Barnsley 4 Grimsby 1; Burnley 2 York 0; Manchester City 3 Carlisle 1; Wrexham 2 Hull 2. Third division: Darlington 1 Chester 0; Doncaster 3 Wigan 1; Rochdale 4 Chesterfield 0; Scarborough 1 Bury 2; Scunthorpe 2 Walsall 1

GILBERT LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Second round, first leg: Briton Ferry 4 Ton Pentre 5; Carmarthen Tn 1 Inter Cable-Tel 0; Conwy 0 Llansantffraid 2; Welshpool 4 Caernarfon 4.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 3 Tow Law 3; Shildon 0 Bedlington 3

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Stowmarket 1 Wroxham 1

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: St Helens 0 Trafford 1

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HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Fairford Town 1 Didcot Town 3; Kintbury Rangers 3 Carterton Town 2; North Leigh 0 Abingdon United 1.

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Enfield 0 Boreham Wood 0; Leighton 0 Watford 3; Exeter 0 Torquay 7; Yeovil 3 Bournemouth 3; Southampton 1 Sittingbourne 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: Third round: Bath 4 Southampton 5; Chesterfield 1 Grimsby 1; Walsall 0 Halesowen 3. FA Premier League Under-16 Trophy: Oxfordshire 2 Wiltshire 0. English Knowles Cup: Buckinghamshire 4 Surrey 1. Inter-County Under-18: Nottinghamshire 2 West Midlands 1.

WORLD CUP: European qualifying zone: Group six: Spain 4 Slovakia 1 (in Tenerife).

FRENCH LEAGUE: Paris Saint-Germain 3 Lille 1; AS Monaco 2 Strasbourg 0; Metz 2 Rennes 0; Le Havre 0 Bastia 1; Guingamp 0 Auxerre 0; Lyons 3 Nice 1; Lens 3 Bordeaux 4; Cannes 0 Marseilles 0; Montpellier 0 Caen 0.

GERMAN CUP: Quarter-finals: SV Hamburg 2 VfL Bochum 1; SC Freiburg 1 VfB Stuttgart 1 (aet; 1-1 after 90min; Stuttgart won 4-2 on pens).

ITALIAN CUP: Quarter-final, first leg: Juventus 0 Internazionale 3

DUTCH LEAGUE: Ajax 2 Fortuna Sittard 2; Vitesse Arnhem 2 RKC Waalwijk 2; Roda JC Kerkrade 2 NEC Nijmegen 0

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Andorra 6 Estonia 1; Brazil 2 Cameroon 0

GOLF

SYDNEY: Australian PGA championship: First round (Australia unless stated): 66: W Riley, B Roach. 68: C Gray, G Wade (NZ), R Byrd (US), B Jackson (GB). 69: D Clarke (GB), J Taylor. 70: C Carmichael, D Hill, G Kenny, J Wagner, M Wheelhouse (NZ), M Long (NZ), S Tait, C Hearn, J Cooper, O Moore, T Carolan (54 players still to complete first round — three-hour suspension of play because of high winds)

MIYAZAKI, Japan: Dunlop Phoenix: First round (Japan unless stated): 66: T Watson (US). 67: N Ozaki, L Westwood (GB). 68: M Ozaki. 69: H Meshiai, Y Kaneko. 70: C Parry (Aus), F Funk (USA). 71: T Nakajima, L Nelson (US), Chen Tze-Ming (Taiwan), M Kuramoto, H Kase, S Okuda, H Makino, T Hamilton (US), P Senior (Aus), H Sasaki, L Mize (US), T Suzuki, R Todd (Can), S Yokota, T Izawa. Other scores: 72: D Ishii (US), R Gamez (US), M Angel Jiménez (Sp), T Bjorn (Den), V Singh (Fiji), C Franco (Par). 73: B Watts (US), J Sluman (US), D Frost (SA), C Rocca (It), E Herrera (Col), R Gibson (Can). 74: P McWhinney (Aus), B Jones (Aus), B Jobe (US), F Minoza (Phil). 75: G Marsh (Aus). 76: J Furyk (US), F Nobilo (NZ). 77: P Teravainen (US). 78: J Nicklaus (US), P Goydos (US). 79: S Ginn (Aus)

KAUAI, Hawaii: PGA Grand Slam: Scores after 27 holes (two-round tournament): 100: T Lehman (US). 101: N Faldo (GB), S Jones (US). 109: M Brooks (US)

GOLD COAST: Australian women's Masters: First round: 65: C Matthew (GB). 66: J Mills (Aus). 67: L Davies (GB), C Dibnah (Aus), E Gibson (US). 68: W Doolan (Aus), M Lunn (Aus). 69: J Geddes (US), L Neumann (Swe), J Crafter (Aus), N Callan (Can), J Stephenson (Aus), S Turner (US). 70: L Lambert, C H Koch (Swe), S Waugh, R Walton (US), R Hetherington. Other scores: 72: J Morley (GB), C Hall (GB). 73: D Reid (GB). 74: D Barnard (GB), K Marshall (GB). 76: H Wadsworth (GB)

MANILA: Eisenhower Trophy: 204: Australia. 208: Finland. 210: Philippines, Sweden. 211: United States. 212: South Korea. 213: Canada, Spain, Great Britain, India. 215: Italy, Holland, Portugal. 216: Norway

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Colorado 4 Detroit 1; Florida 5 Montreal 3; New York Islanders 5 Vancouver 4; Philadelphia 2 New York Rangers 1; Edmonton 4 Ottawa 0; Dallas 3 Calgary 3; Anaheim 3 Toronto 2

REAL TENNIS

BATHURST CUP: Final: Great Britain lead Australia 2-0 (J Snow bt M Happell 6-1, 6-2, 6-3; N Pendrigh bt R Dery 6-1, 6-2, 6-5)

RUGBY UNION

ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 1B: Cardiff 40 Sale 22

TOUR MATCH: Cambridge University 27 Queensland 20

BERMUDA: World Rugby Classic: Semi-final: New Zealand 25 South Africa 15. Plate semi-final: Argentina 22 United States 19

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Windsor 15 Bedford Modern 22; Bablake Coventry 8 King Henry VII, Coventry 6; King's Worcester 12 Hereford Cathedral 5; St Edward's, Oxford 22 Bedford 17; Sir Roger Manwood's 17 Kent Coll 45

SNOOKER

PRESTON GUILD HALL: German Open (Eng unless stated): Final qualifying round: T Drago (Malta) bt J Burnett 5-3; M Williams (Wales) bt M Price 5-2; A Robidoux (Can) bt A Hamilton (Eng) 5-1; M Davis bt J White 5-1; D Morgan (Wales) bt P Davies (Wales) 5-0; S Davis bt J Sargent (Wales) 5-2; D Harold bt B Morgan 5-3; D Gray bt J Ponting 5-3; J Higgins (Scot) bt S Lee 5-1; K Doherty (Ire) bt D Reynolds 5-1

TENNIS

TELFORD: Guardian Direct British national championships: Men: Singles: Second round: A Richardson (Lincolnshire) bt M Lee (Sussex) 6-1, 6-1; P Robertson (Northamptonshire) bt J Bates (Surrey) 6-4, 6-3; T Spinks (Norfolk) bt N Weal (Hampshire and IoW) 6-4, 6-2; G Rusedski (Lancashire) bt M Maclagan (West of Scotland) 7-6, 6-4. Women: Singles: Quarter-finals: L Ahl (Devon) bt H Matthews (Berkshire) 6-3, 6-2; C Wood (Sussex) bt J Wood (Middlesex) 7-5, 2-6, 6-2; J Pullin (Sussex) bt L Latimer (Warwickshire) 7-5, 6-0; C Taylor (Oxfordshire) bt S Smith (Essex) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4

VILLANOVA, Pennsylvania: Women's tournament: First round: [illegible] (US) bt N Tauziat (Fr) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; L McNeil (US) bt A Sugiyama (Japan) 7-6, 7-5; [illegible] (US) bt L Davenport (US) 6-4, 7-6. Second round: M Werdel-Witmeyer (US) bt A Huber (Ger) 3-6, 7-6, 6-1; C Rubin (US) bt M Pierce (Fr) 6-7, 6-2, 6-1; A Frazier (US) bt M J Fernandez (US) 6-2, 6-1; [illegible] bt C Martinez (Sp) 6-2, 6-2

HARTFORD, Connecticut: ATP world doubles championship: Round-robin: [illegible]

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia: Men's over-35 tournament: First round: [illegible] (US) bt T Wilkison (US) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; [illegible] bt [illegible] (Saudi Arabia) 6-2, 6-1

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 41

GEDALIAH
(b) A native of Judah who was made governor in Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar after his first capture of the city in 597 BC. Gedaliah was almost immediately assassinated and this deed, by raising fears of exemplary reprisals, caused a wholesale flight into Egypt. Among these refugees was Jeremiah.

SHECHEM
(a) Son of Hamor, a princely neighbour of Jacob. Shechem raped Jacob's daughter, Dinah. Shechem and Hamor asked for Dinah as Shechem's wife. Simeon and Levi, Dinah's full brothers, agreed to this proposition on condition that the Shechemites be circumcised. They agreed. While they were still recovering, Simeon and Levi slaughtered them.

ANNA
(a), (b) and (c). A prophetess who spent her life serving God with prayer and fasting night and day. She happened to come into the Temple when Simeon was praising and thanking God for the advent of Jesus into the world. She too thanked God and began the task of spreading throughout Jerusalem the good news of the redemption of man. Other Annas are Tobit's wife and the mother of the Virgin Mary.

SHEBA
(c) A Benjaminite who raised a revolt against David after the collapse of Absalom's revolt. David sent Joab and Abishai against him and they besieged him in Abel of Beth-maachah. To save their city, the inhabitants cut off Sheba's head and threw it over the wall to Joab.

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No net gains from superhighway robbery

LYNNE TRUSS

Kicking and Screaming

If you search for news of Alan Shearer on the Internet, you may be surprised by the result. By latest information superhighway reports, Shearer plays for Blackburn Rovers and fans are concerned that he has not scored for England for more than a year. Feels like time travel? It certainly does. In another entry, a Shearer groin injury is mentioned, which seems momentarily more up-to-date — but only until you notice that it is dated March 25.

This is curious. It feels like a conspiracy to remove the past six months. Even downloading a picture of Shearer from a heading entitled "Paintings and Portraits" proves to be a disappointment in pixel form because, not only is the sweetheart wearing pale blue and white, but the words "Football Heroes 95" are noticeable beneath.

'I stood by the door, whining miserably'

Having spent three fruitless evenings on the Internet this week, searching for red-hot "footy stuff", I can report that my discoveries were lukewarm at best — my personal favourites being a "When Saturday Comes" newsgroup for people who have "scored" at football matches (you don't want to know), and a handy "rant" page for people who have strong but banal opinions such as "Wolverhampton are the most boring team in the first division, if not the world." (Luckily, that one was there, so I didn't have to add it.)

Nobody warned me about the dreary effect of internationals on the life of a keen football supporter always ready at the front door with jacket zipped up, moonboots on, gloves threaded down her sleeves, and a sandwich and bus pass packed in a scruffy plastic carrier bag. On Saturday, with no match to attend, I stood by the front door and whined miserably.

What do people do on these enforced half-term breaks? Well, it turns out that they read their football magazines cover to cover and then catch up on shut-eye during the stultifying second half of Georgia v England on the television.

So, it was a fragmented sort of week, football-wise. Keeping cheerful, however, I enjoyed musing on what a good dramatic comedy could be made out of Emerson's plucky runner, and wondering whether the final straw for this excellent twinkle-toed footballer was the booing during the recent Newcastle United v Middlesbrough match. The idea of Emerson doing a bunk is irresistibly funny, somehow. Escape from Middlesbrough! Exotic superstar footballer returns from match to find lovely Brazilian wife dressed entirely in Damart thermals with hot-water bottle strapped to each foot! "Aiee!", he exclaims, and boards next plane back to Rio.

Focusing on essentials, I pass over the tender feelings of Bryan Robson and enjoy a hearty chuckle at the expense of the country's many fantasy football managers who selected Emerson and are now anxiously ringing the airports. Ha, ha, ha! How does it feel to watch your team sink in the middle with a sound of expelled air?

Such speculation was not enough to sustain the eager woman with the sandwich, though. So, call me pathetic, if you will, but I resorted to memories of Euro 96. By chance, in the evenings this week, *Soho Stories* on BBC2 focused on that exciting three weeks in June — though as seen from the viewpoint of two Soho community bobbies in shirtsleeves, with the tension building nightly to the Trafalgar Square riot on the night of the defeat by Germany. It was not the way I remembered Euro 96 personally, but at least it was something, and I understood the timetable of events, which was nice.

So, on Monday night's programme, the Swiss arrived, and all was calm. The policemen made small talk with traders and bar owners along the lines of "It might go quietly; it might go mental." Soho residents ignored the rumblings of the gathering storm. By Tuesday, however, Scots were bending forward and flipping their kilts over their backs rather unpleasantly, while English fans began to run wild; and police protected pubs full of nice orange Dutch people singing funny words to the tune of *Auld Lang Syne*.

'England won't want to go to penalties'

When the fateful Wednesday arrived, though, the producer came up with an inspiration, choosing to intercut the national drama unfolding in the streets with a backstage view of a simultaneous *Les Misérables* performance — the uniting theme being the barricades, of course, as well as miserableness.

It turned out to be a good idea, not least for the memorable image of men in theatrically-soiled linen rushing to their dressing-rooms between songs to find out the score. An apathetic dresser made the big mistake of joshing about this important matter. "It's 3-1," he said, but then hastily apologised. In the star's dressing-room, a blood-stained French urchin-child (possibly dead) piped up with the terrible truth. "England won't want to go to penalties," he explained to the grown-ups. "Germany have never lost on penalties."

As I said, it was something. It kept me going and proves that I do not mind living six months adrift if I choose. In the meantime, I do think that the Internet might try a bit harder. On one search for Shearer, I got "Jeff's Flyfishing Page", which is solely concerned with saltwater angling in North Carolina. In the end, the highest point of interest was a fake bulletin on the Manchester City home page. "A burglary was recently committed at Man City's ground," it ran. "The entire contents of the trophy room were stolen. Police are looking for a man with a blue carpet."

RADIO CHOICE

Good kind of dark deed

The Proud Walker. *Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.*

Coming from someone else, William Walker's self-assuring reflection that "the Church's one foundation is me!" would have sounded ridiculously presumptuous. Actually, it was true. Early this century, Winchester Cathedral was found to be sinking into the marsh on which it was built. Engineers came up with a plan: dig deep down into the adjoining graveyard, pack the flooded pits with bags of cement, pump out the water, and keep fingers crossed. Without the back-breaking persistence of a helmeted diver, Walker, working for six years in inky blackness ("blacker than Old Nick's breeches"), the plan would have been unworkable. In Keith Darvill's dramatised feature, Walker the do-or-die diver, is played by John Hartley.

Stravinsky in Three Movements. *Radio 4, 9.30pm.*

Enthusiasm of the gushing variety can become tiresome. That there is no fear of this happening in tonight's *Kaleidoscope Feature*, discerningly assembled by Erika Wright. She brings together three contemporary composers, all indebted to Stravinsky in some way or other, and gets them to pick a particular favourite from his huge output, and explain why they chose it. They are Steve Martland, whose analysis of the *Symphony of Psalms* made me want to hear it again without further delay; the American composer, John Adams, who chooses *Petrushka*, and the Dutch composer, Louis Andriessen, whose choice is the ballet music for *Agon*.

Peter Davalle

TENNIS: TOP SEED SURPRISINGLY BEATEN AS WORDS RETURN TO HAUNT HER

Repentant Smith receives a volley

By Alix Ramsay

BRITISH tennis is booming — it is official. Heaven forbid that anyone should disagree with the pronouncement. After so many years of waiting and hoping for a player good enough to justify all the millions of pounds of investement in the game, the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) is making the most of the success achieved by Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski. Yesterday, at the Guardian Direct national championships in Telford, there was a feeling that everyone was toeing the company line.

Two days ago, Sam Smith caused something of a ripple of discontent to run through the official ranks when she suggested that maybe, just maybe, things were not as wonderful as everyone would like to think. While the women's game in Great Britain was not exactly at an all-time high, take away Henman and Rusedski and the rest of the men's rankings did not look too clever, either; that was the gist of the argument.

She was the topic of conversation again yesterday when, as No 1 seed, she went out in the quarter-finals to Claire Taylor, a player ranked 152 places below her in the world. Not that her performance was foremost in everyone's mind. Suddenly, Smith was backtracking. "I didn't think what I said was controversial and I am surprised at the response," she said. "I was not trying to be negative about the LTA at all. Things are getting a lot better."

No, she had not been spoken to before her match and, no, the row had not been a distraction, she said. However, she was approached by Keith Wooldridge, the manager of women's national training, after her defeat to reacquaint her with company policy on the state of British tennis. Clare Wood, too, had her wrists slapped for mentioning in passing that she thought that Smith's assessment had been a fair one.

It had been a tough day for Wood. She scrapped her way through to the semi-finals today, slogging through three sets to defeat Jane Wood 7-5, 3-6, 6-2. There were times when neither player seemed able to see the wood for the trees as the momentum, if you could call it such, swung back and forth. "It wasn't pretty, but I struggled through in the end, which is the aim of the game after all," she said. Maybe a win against Taylor today will get her back into the LTA's good books.

Rusedski, a big, genial sort of chap, is never anything but overwhelmingly nice. Yesterday, he edged falteringly into the controversy after beating Luke Milligan 7-6, 6-4 to reach the quarter-finals.

"I'd have to disagree with Sam's statement," he said. "The men's game is a lot stronger than the women's. We have five guys in the top 200, we have the world former junior No 1 in Martin Lee and there is lot of talent out there." Then he would say that — Rusedski has just signed up with Nestle, the food company, to become its tennis ambassador. Wooldridge would be proud of him.

Even Paul Robinson had eye on politics as he ended Jeremy Bates's run in Telford, 6-4, 6-3. Now that Bates has taken charge of men's national training, Robinson was well aware that a good showing against his new boss could help his career prospects. "Obviously, he is the head guy in terms of trips and things so I wanted to do well," he said.

Louise Latimer's prospects ran aground yesterday against Julie Pullin. The national junior champion was sitting at 5-4 up in the first set when she was distracted by a line call. Rattled and unhappy, she failed to win another game as Pullin went through 7-5, 6-0. She will meet Lucie Ahl in the semi-finals.

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Bates is in reflective mood during his defeat in straight sets by Robinson at the national championships yesterday

EQUESTRIANISM

Powerful British entry seek to improve

From Jenny MacArthur in Millstreet, Co Cork

AFTER disappointing results in the Amsterdam and Brussels Volvo World Cup qualifiers, British riders will attempt to redress the balance at the Millstreet International Show that begins here today. The qualifier, the sixth of the season, takes place tomorrow night and has attracted 36 riders from 15 countries. Twelve Britons are competing, including the Olympic riders, Nick Skelton, John and Michael Whitaker.

None has a sharper resolve than Michael Whitaker. After his worst year in the sport, Whitaker, once No 1, has dropped to No 12 in the world rankings. Unless he regains his position in the top ten by the end of the year, he will not have automatic entry to the post-Christmas World Cup shows. Midnight Madness and Two Step, his top horses, are resting, but he has an able substitute this weekend in Ashley, his 1995 Foxhunter winner, on which he was fifth in the Danish qualifier in Aarhus last month.

Despite an impressive line-up of overseas riders — that includes Jos Lansink, the 1994 World Cup winner, and Piet Raymakers, the winner in Oslo and Helsinki last month, both from Holland — Whitaker may find that one of the main threats comes from his wife, Veronique. In Brussels last week, the Belgian-born Mrs Whitaker was the highest placed Briton, finishing fourth on Eldorado in the biggest qualifier of the season so far.

Skelton has no such concerns with Dollar Girl, his 1995 World Cup winner, who won the Millstreet qualifier last year after a devastating performance against the clock. Although the horse disappointed in Brussels last week, Skelton, the winner of ten qualifiers in his career, is confident that the 16-year-old mare is now "tuned up" for the event tomorrow night.

Michael Whitaker: keen resolve to regain ranking

The powerful British contingent also includes William Funnell and Di Lampard, who are well capable of giving Great Britain a first win in a World Cup qualifier this season. Funnell is riding Comex, on which he was second at Aarhus. Lampard, the highest placed Briton in the Western European League, rides the consistent nine-year-old, Abbervail Dream.

John Whitaker, who has qualified for every final since the event began in 1979, is resting Welham, his top horse, and relying on the versatile Gammon to extend

RADIO 1

6.30am Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo, includes Golden Hour **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, includes at **12.30pm-12.45** Newsbeat and at **1.15** The Net **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **7.00** Essential Selection, with Pete Tong **10.00** Soho Live. One in the Jungle **12.00** Radio 1 Rap Show, with Tim Westwood **3.00am** Annie Nightingale **5.00** Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Judi Spiers **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Helen Sharman **7.00** Today's the Day **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night. From the Hippodrome Robin Boyle introduces the BBC Concert Orchestra, under Barry Wordsworth **8.45** Jamaica Inn (3/10) **9.00** A Life on the Ocean Wave (3/4) **10.00** Sheridan Morley **12.05am** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at **5.45** Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55, 7.55** racing preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mar, incl at **12.35pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide, incl at **5.45** Entertainment News **7.00** News Extra, with David McNeil, incl Sports Bulletin **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **8.30** Friday Sport. Second-half commentary of Tranmere Rovers v Oldham Athletic **10.05** Paper Talk **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breakfast **7.00** Paul Ross **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Anna Raeburn **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime, with Peter Deeley **7.00** Moz Dee's Sportszone **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT** News on the hour **5.30am** Europe Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.15** Off the Shelf **7.30** Green History of the Planet **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **8.55** Global Gardening **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Focus on Faith **9.45** Sport **10.30** BBC English **10.45** Off the Shelf **11.30** Meridian Books **12.05pm** Business **12.15** Britain Today; **12.30** Science in Action **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Multitrack **3.05** Sport **3.15** Global Gardening **3.30** Music Review **4.15** World Today **4.30** BBC English **4.45** Britain Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Sport **6.30** Focus on Faith **7.01** Outlook **7.25** Words of Faith **7.30** Multitrack **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Britain Today **9.30** People and Politics **10.30** World Today **10.45** Sport **11.10** Spotlight **11.15** Insider's Guide **11.25** Book Choice **11.30** Multitrack **12.30am** Seven Days **12.45** Britain Today **1.30** Outlook **1.55** Words of Faith **2.30** Science in Action **3.15** Sport **3.30** Meridian Live **4.30** Jazz Now and Then **4.45** Seven Days

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto Uroff (Concerto Sinfonique No 3 in E flat, Op 45) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Classic Showcase **8.00** Concert Sullivan (Pineapple Poll Suite) Schumann (Cello Concerto in A minor, Op 129), Haydn (Symphony No 100 in G, Military), Prokofiev (Lieutenant Kije, Suite, Op 60) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / (AM) Robin Banks **10.00** Alan Freeman **12.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Telemann (Trio in E flat); Bax (Winter Legends), Kodaly (Matra Pictures)
9.00 Morning Collection. With Peter Hobday, includes Handel (Concerto Grosso in D, Op 3 No 6); Brahms (Violin Sonata No 3 in D minor, Op 108)
10.00 Musical Encounters. Includes Handel (Let the Bright Seraphim). *Artist of the Week:* Wynton Marsalis. Bloch (Concerto Gross No 1); Hanson (Symphony No 1, Nordic)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Cherubini and Spontini. Graham Fawcett introduces highlights of Spontini's last opera for Paris, *Olympie*. It contains many of the set pieces with massed soloists, chorus and orchestra that were his speciality
1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchtime Concerts. Featuring the chamber music of Joseph Haydn with Ronald Brautigam, piano. Haydn (Sonata in E minor); Cramer (Grande Sonata in D, Op 25 No 2); Haydn (Sonta in G minor); Debussy (Hommage a Haydn); Haydn (Sonta in C)
2.00 Preoccupations. American conductor Andrew Litton reveals his penchant for jazz
2.15 Music Restored (r)
3.00 Mining the Archive. Features recordings by Australian-born horn player Barry Tuckwell and includes Mozart (Sinfonia Concertante in E flat); Poulenc (Elegie); Brahms (Trio in E flat, Op 40)
5.00 The Music Machine. Wynton Marsalis talks about how to prepare for a performance and Natalie Wheen visits the Indium Club in New York
5.15 In Tune. Live from the foyer of the Queen Elizabeth Hall, a special edition as part of the London Jazz Festival
7.30 Jazz from Norway. Live from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, two Norwegian bands led by singer Mari Boine and bass player Arild Andersen. Both groups are influenced by the traditional music of their country. During the interval, John Surman presents a potted history of the way jazz has developed in Norway through the work of musicians like Robert Normann, Bjarne Nerem, John Christensen, Jan Garbarek and Terje Rypdal
9.45 Grains of Sand. Martin Buckley travels through Oman to the legendary Empty Quarter. He also meets the celebrated desert explorer Wilfred Thesiger
10.10 Hear and Now. Sarah Walker introduces a concert from this year's Bath Festival which brought together jazz pianist Keith Tippett and string quartet Kreutzer Quartet, playing their own compositions **11.00** David Revill talks to three composers who all use electronics in different ways: Alvin Lucier, Gordon Mumma and Alvin Curran
12.00 Composer of the Week: Percy Grainger. In the final programme, Penelope Thwaites and Andrew Lyle explore the composer's involvement in early music (r)
1.00am Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer **6.30** Today **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. With the writer, traveller and philosopher Sir Laurens van der Post Introduced by Sue Lawley (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00 News; Proud Walker (FM). See Choice
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Gail Foley
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours. Mark Whittaker presents reports on consumer and social affairs
12.25pm The Food Programme; Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: Women in Love: Moonlight, by D.H. Lawrence With Clare Holman, Stella Gonet, Douglas Hodge and Nicholas Farrell (3/4) (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift. With Laurie Taylor. Dilly Barlow joins the "carpet treaders", people unable to resist the lure of a house-for-sale sign and yet have no intention of buying
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Tim Marlow reviews two books on Picasso and sees a new photographic exhibition at the V&A covering the last century of photographs taken by Americans
4.45 Short Story: Human Seal. Jillie Meers reads Lesley Glaister's story
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places. The leisure and heritage magazine programme presented by David Stafford
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. Trevor Phillips presents his selection of extracts from BBC radio and television over the past seven days
8.05 Any Questions? Helen Liddell, MP; Sheila McKechnie; Dr Niall Ferguson; and Ian Lang, MP, tackle the issues raised in Troon, Ayrshire
8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Stravinsky in Three Movements. See Choice (r)
9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Lady Chatterley's Confessions. Amanda Root reads Elaine Feinstein's sequel to the D.H. Lawrence novel (5/10)
11.00 Week Ending. The topical comedy sketch show, starring Sally Grace, Jon Glover and Dave Lamb
11.25 Fourth Column
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather
12.30 The Late Book: The Shipping News, by Annie E. Proux. Abridged by Pat McLoughlin. Read by William Hurt (5/10)
1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2.** FM 88.0-90.2 **RADIO 3.** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4.** FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198; MW 720. **RADIO 5 LIVE.** MW 693, 909. **WORLD SERVICE.** MW 198 (12.45-5.55am). **CLASSIC FM.** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN RADIO.** FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. **TALK RADIO.** MW 1053, 1089. **Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary**

Ruddles County Riddles.

No. 12. Change for the Better

Peter, James and John had arranged to meet up with several other key members of their local village cricket team to watch highlights from an enthusiastic amateur video of their latest, greatest mid-season match.

Like any thoughtful hosts catering for grown-up tastes they decided to get in a basic stock of flavoursome Ruddles County in convenient cans. They also agreed as friends do, to share the expense and each chipped in a tenner to the kitty. John volunteered to pop round to the Off Licence on their behalf.

After he'd left laden with ale the Manager of the Off Licence realised he'd overcharged him by £5. To rectify the situation immediately, he gave his new assistant 5 pound coins and instructed him to run after John and return the correct change.

The assistant who was on probation (in more senses than one) caught up with John, explained the situation but being a little economical with the truth kept 2 pound coins for himself and returned 3 pound coins to John.

Unsuspecting John thanked him and returned £1 each to Peter and James, keeping £1 for himself. In effect this meant that the 3 friends had expended £9 each and the shifty assistant had nicked £2.

The strange thing is this £9 multiplied by 3 = £27.00 plus £2 that was misappropriated = £29.00.

What happened to the other £1?

A: This is an accountancy fallacy. The correct way to do the sum is £25 divided by 3 = £8.33 + £3 returned + £2 taken without authority. Now we're only up about of £30.

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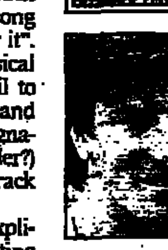
A very bad case of second series syndrome



Matthew Bond

Actors often complain that we, the paying public, fail to recognise the essential difference that exists between the characters they portray on screen and themselves. All I can say after last night's episode one of **Crocodile Shoes** (BBC1) is that we, the paying public, have a point.

Does anybody know where Jimmy Nail, actor and country music singer, begins and where Jed Shepperd, his fictional alter ego, ends? More importantly, does anybody care?

Somebody must, I suppose, for there to be a new series. New series means a new theme tune, the chorus of which has been helpfully woven into the soundtrack, presumably making it easier to walk into a record shop and ask "have you got the one that goes dee dee-dee, dee dee-dum ...?". There's a new album out too, you see.

Series two began with Shepperd as an established star, which unfortunately means that parody was rarely more than a plectrum pluck away. He rents mansions in the West Country, is stalked constantly by the paparazzi and wears sunglasses indoors. Last night we met him as he was wrestling with something called second album syndrome ("this one will show whether I've got the legs") and with a flame-haired personal assistant whose Euro-pudding accent was so bizarre that it threatened the authenticity of Nail's genuine Geordie twang. He couldn't have been faking it all these years — could he?

Nail himself gave a performance so low key that you wonder whether the director forgot to shout "action". This was acting from the school of ultra-naturalism. What this tiresomely laid-back series requires, however, is a good kick up the artifice.

In terms of plot last night, his manager was murdered, he met a nice girl from Tynemouth and somebody hit him over the head. In terms of dialogue, we had such gems as "he could hear a song though ... I mean, really hear it". Best of all we had a musical interlude — a chance for Nail to look moodily down the Tyne and sign a few autographs (his signature or Shepperd's, I wonder?) while we endured another track from the album.

It finished with the some inexplicably corrupt policemen planting two polythene bags of illegal white stuff at the rented mansion. Unfortunately, an identical incident had provided the comic basis for *The Thin Blue Line* just an hour earlier. But more of that anon.

First we must consider **The Works: The Actor's Cut** (BBC2), a programme so annoying that it knocked Brian Blessed and Mount Everest off the top of my personal hate parade. All his working life Richard E. Grant has been selling his fey little film diaries to newspapers and all my life I've been failing to avoid them. Not having the foresight to move to a region where *The Works* was not being shown, I found last night was no different. Here we went again.

Now, pay attention because this is where it gets complicated. This was the video diary of the promotional tours to plug two films and a book, the latter being a compilation of all those previous diaries that plugged all those previous films — and, of course, their author and star, Grant.

In between these bouts of self-promotion, Grant's camcorder just happened — as they do — to come across all sorts of very famous people, including Trevor Nunn, whose campaign to rid the profession of the word "luvvie" was rendered a bloody, twitching mess by this navel-gazing nonsense.

If ever we were in doubt that here was the most delicate of egos (Grant confessed he was haunted by a review that described his acting as "more than adequate"), the diary proper was followed by no fewer than four postscripts informing us — and reassuring him — that he was in work and a great success. "Do you think I'm less paranoid or more paranoid than when you first met me?" he simpered at Winona Ryder as they cavorted in Steve Martin's swimming pool. Hmm, tough call.

Ben Elton's ego needed to be in pretty robust shape for the first series of **The Thin Blue Line** (BBC1) when, initially at least, I appeared to be the only critic in captivity who liked it. I still like it ... but I do worry about it. Elton's problem is that having written scripts that were too rude for a pre-watershed slot, does he have the dramatic wherewithal to justify a post-watershed grown-up slot? Answer yes ... but probably only if you're in the right mood.

Rowan Atkinson's Inspector Fowler has a bit more Blackadder in him than he used to. He's preposterously naive in some quarters, but he can still manage a Baldric-crushing "PC Goody wouldn't get it if it came in a large bag marked 'it'" when required. Basically he's a comic pragmatist — anything for a laugh. The supporting cast at Gasforth nick are as enjoyably silly as ever, with David Haig outstanding as DI Grim. I just hope enough people are in the right mood.

Finally, the opulently surnamed Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall returned to Channel 4 with that television rarity, a genuinely different cookery programme, **TV Dinners**. F-W, as he is known by those who value their writing space, plays a modest part in proceedings, content to let gifted amateurs have their 11 minutes of fame as they go to no end of trouble preparing extraordinary meals. Last night's host with the most was Gordon Perrier, whose hospitality and attention to detail knew no bounds. Only his guests, squabbling over who had which individually prepared pudding, let him down. No more pears in gold-leaf for them.

BBC1

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (49757) **7.00 BBC BREAKFAST NEWS** (Ceefax) (70028) **9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA** (Ceefax) (6201931)

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (s) (1418738)

9.45 KILROY (s) (8960912)

10.30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK (s) (49573)

11.00 NEWS; (Ceefax) and weather (2753825)

11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW (s) (4371844)

11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (s) (6198196)

12.00 NEWS; regional news (Ceefax) and weather (4014825)

12.05pm ALIAS SMITH AND JONES (r) (2724370)

12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (51088318)

1.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (73115)

1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (14373554)

1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceefax) (s) (24284554)

2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (s) (1318)

2.30 PETER SEABROOK'S GARDENING WEEK (s) (950) **3.00 INCOGNITO** (7775)

3.30 THE ANIMALS OF FARTHING WOOD (5031134) **3.55 DEAR MR BARKER** (3621825) **4.10 THE REAL ADVENTURES OF JONNY QUEST** (5771202) **4.35 GRANGE HILL** (1929399) **5.00 NEWSROUND** (6474009) **5.10 BLUE PETER** (Ceefax) (2596009)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (Ceefax) (s) (679221)

6.00 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (979)

6.30 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES (931)

7.00 MUPPETS TONIGHT! Heather Locklear is the guest in the last of the present series (Ceefax) (s) (937738)

7.25 TOP OF THE POPS (Ceefax) (s) (195641)

8.00 THIS IS YOUR LIFE presented by Michael Aspel (Ceefax) (s) (1554)

8.30 KEEPING UP APPEARANCES with Patricia Routledge. Hyacinth decides it is time she shared her experience of being a perfect hostess (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7919)

9.00 NEWS (Ceefax) regional news and weather (1399)

9.30 DANGERFIELD: Inside Out Paul becomes emotionally involved when a prisoner dies in police custody. On the home front, though, he finally has something to celebrate. With Nigel Le Vaillant. Last in series (Ceefax) (s) (172028)

10.20 FILM: Cape Fear (1991) with Robert De Niro and Nick Nolte. A sadistic psychopath, released from prison after serving a 14-year sentence, is obsessed with taking revenge on the lawyer who unsuccessfully defended him. Directed by Martin Scorsese (Ceefax) (s) (306554)

12.20am FILM: Dr Terror Presents: Phantasm (1979) with Angus Scrimm. A recently-orphaned boy has a morbid fascination with the strange happenings at the Morningside mortuary and graveyard. Soon he is plunged into a terrifying battle against the sinister Tall Man who runs the establishment. Directed by Don A. Coscarelli (5369500)

1.50 WEATHER (1260806)

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BBC2

6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: OUT OF THE MELTING POT (5751028) **6.50 REFLECTIONS ON A GLOBAL SCREEN** (9260080) **7.15 SEE HEAR BREAKFAST NEWS** (Ceefax and signing) (6392370) **7.30 PERILS OF PENELOPE PITSTOP** (4077047) **7.55 SMART** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (7598641) **8.20 THE GREEDYSAURUS GANG** (r) (8922757) **8.25 SPIDER** (r) (s) (5800467) **8.35 THE RECORD** (s) (6801660) **9.00 DAYTIME ON TWO: FRENCH EXPERIENCE** (6218221) **9.15 THE ECONOMICS COLLECTION** (727196) **9.45 WATCH** (8930498) **10.00 PLAYDAYS** (64979) **10.30 WHAT? WHERE? WHEN? WHY?** (3831202) **10.45 REVISTA** (3836757) **11.00 LOOK AND READ** (5362196) **11.20 SHORT CIRCUIT** (7025660) **11.40 ENGLISH TIME: THE ANCIENT MARINER** (6111047) **12.00 ENGLISH FILE - POETRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT** (38467) **12.30pm WORKING LUNCH** (66738) **1.00 SCENE** (71757) **1.30 TECHNOLOGY STARTERS** (14395776) **1.45 WORDS AND PICTURES** (s) (14383931) **2.00 THE GREEDYSAURUS GANG** (r) (46693844) **2.05 SPIDER** (r) (s) (46692115)

2.10 SPORT ON FRIDAY featuring tennis action from the Guardian Direct Nationals (s) (685196)

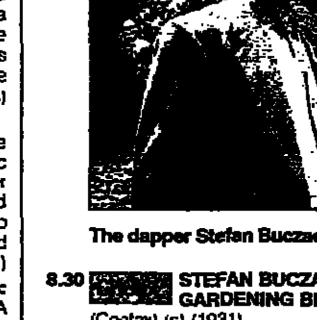
3.55 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (5840931) **4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY** (s) (844) **4.30 READY, STEADY, COOK** (s) (888) **5.00 ESTHER** (s) (3912) **5.30 GOING, GOING, GONE** (s) (680)

6.00 SLIDERS Sci-fi (545202)

6.40 ELECTRIC CIRCUS (s) (331370)

7.00 CHOICE **TIMEWATCH: TANKS, WONDER WEAPON OF WORLD WAR ONE?** (r) (Ceefax) (391738)

7.45 ONE MAN AND HIS DOG The final, at Combermere (Ceefax) (s) (355047)



The dapper Stefan Buczacki (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **STEFAN BUCZACKI'S GARDENING BRITAIN** (Ceefax) (s) (1931)

9.00 SHOOTING STARS Spoof quiz with Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer (s) (2641)

9.30 RED DWARF VI Sci-fi comedy starring Craig Charles and Chris Barrie (r) (Ceefax) (s) (79202)

10.00 HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU Comedy news quiz (Ceefax) (s) (39196)

10.30 NEWSNIGHT with Peter Snow (Ceefax) (743950)

11.15 THE A FORCE Black entertainment (s) (52696825)

1.20am-2.50 FILM: Le Cri Du Coeur (1994) The story of the son of an African immigrant living in Paris, starring Richard Bohringer and Said Dianna. Directed by Idrissa Ouedraogo. In French with English subtitles (5784264)

CHOICE

Timewatch: Tanks — Wonder Weapon of World War One?
BBC2, 7.00pm (except Scotland)

The question mark is crucial. Although despised by military leaders such as Kitchener and Ludendorff, tanks held out a realistic prospect of finally breaking the stalemate on the Western Front. For three years the opposing armies had become locked in a war of attrition, gaining or losing a few miles of territory and suffering dreadful casualties in the process. The tank was first used seriously in battle 80 years ago on the Somme. But, as this repeated *Timewatch* film shows, it offered no easy or immediate solution. The first tanks were slow and cumbersome. They got stuck in the Flanders mud. Some even caught fire. Not until the final year of the war did they have much impact and by then the outcome of the conflict was probably decided. But it is an absorbing story, told here by Tank Corps survivors and archive film.

Lonely Planet
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Ian Wright, the chirpy Cockney who calls the world the weld, goes island hopping in the Mediterranean to launch a new series of the travel show for the backpacking classes. Corsica, Sardinia and Sicily are visited in rapid and breathless succession, and our cheery host gets to Stromboli just in time for the volcano to smoke and spit. Part conventional travelogue (in which religious festivals bulk large), part innocent-abroad routine and part laddish response to local femininity, the programme offers an odd, if diverting, mixture. What it does not do is to provide practical advice or to give much in the way of costings. But Wright's unquenchable enthusiasm makes up for a lot and in any case package holidaymakers are amply catered for in other shows.

Stefan Buczacki's Gardening Britain
BBC2, 8.30pm

It is curious that whenever the television cameras go to Cornwall, they get such dreary weather. And so it is in Falmouth, though the dapper Buczacki does his best to lift the gloom by sporting a natty bow tie, with a bright blue shirt and yellow waistcoat. The formula for the series holds no surprises. Each week Buczacki is in a different part of Britain, visiting notable gardens and helping the locals to sort out their plant problems. The plant clinic is a sound idea, a sort of *Gardeners' Question Time* with pictures, though strangely enough radio does the job almost as well. Three gardens are a lot to cram into a short time, but all have their points of interest and one belongs to Jean Shrimpton, whom older viewers will remember as the emblematic model girl of the Swinging Sixties.

Faith in the Future
ITV, 8.30pm

If it is putting too much weight on a lighthearted project to claim *Faith in the Future* as a feminist tract, the central characters are both women and the men tend to come out badly. Yet men are what Faith (Lynda Bellingham) and daughter Hannah (Julia Sawalha) both crave. Their idea of misery is having to spend Saturday evening at home together, watching the telly. The scripts, by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie, are, as usual, perceptive as well as amusing. Were this not a comedy, the pain of failed relationships would be acute. But perhaps the joke has become a little too repetitive. Maybe James Bolam, who played Faith's on-off lover in the show's earlier incarnation, could be persuaded back now and again to offer the variety of one strong male character. **Peter Waymark**

HTV

6.00am GMTV (1807405)

9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP (1426757)

9.55 REGIONAL NEWS (2235554)

10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE (s) (51405)

10.30 THIS MORNING (24237660)

12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (Teletext) (4010009)

12.30 NEWS (Ceefax) and weather (4186979)

12.55 MURDER, SHE WROTE starring Angela Lansbury in her award winning role as an amateur sleuth (2607392) **2.00 HOME AND AWAY** (Teletext) (s) (57202080) **2.25 CROSS WITS** (Teletext) (s) (57221115) **2.50 YAN CAN COOK — THE BEST OF CHINA** (6032405)

3.20 NEWS (Teletext) (4137573)

3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (4136844)

3.30 JAYS WORLD (3646134) **3.40 THE ADVENTURES OF DAWDLE** (3626370) **3.55 OSCAR AND FRIENDS** (5844757) **4.00 SNUG AND COZI** (8231979) **4.15 HURRICANES** (5765641) **4.40 FUN HOUSE** (4116660)

5.10 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (s) (7421689)

5.40 NEWS (Teletext) and weather (195844)

6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) (642738)

6.25 HTV NEWS (Teletext) (800641)

7.00 CATCHPHRASE Hosted by Roy Walker (Teletext) (s) (2842)

7.30 CORONATION STREET Raquel says an emotional goodbye to the Street (Teletext) (283)

8.00 THE BILL: Finishing School Keane and Slater face their last day as probationers. Initiation ceremonies and an assessment from Monroe lie in store (Teletext) (9950)

Jeff Rawle, Julia Sawalha (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **FAITH IN THE FUTURE: Wrong Moves** Sitcom starring Lynda Bellingham and Julia Sawalha (Teletext) (s) (5757)

9.00 STAYING ALIVE (3/6) Drama series following the lives and loves of a group of student nurses in a London hospital. Kelly's career is threatened after surprise visitors call at the nurses' home (4738)

10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (59950)

10.30 HTV WEST NEWS ((935554)

10.40 THE LEVELS (1316825)

12.10am ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS (7885974)

12.45 ED'S NIGHT PARTY (76326)

1.15 FUNNY BUSINESS (73239)

1.45 THE GOOD SEX GUIDE ... LATE (114852)

2.45 BUSHELL ON THE BOX The tabloid TV critic shares his forthright opinions (52790)

3.15 WAR AND REMEMBRANCE (104784)

5.00 INTERNATIONAL TOURING CARS (35516)

5.30 NEWS (57697)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (4154370)

1.25 CROSS WITS (39710370)

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (24298757)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7421689)

10.40 CENTRAL WEEKEND (5348486)

12.05am CURTAIN UP (8935806)

12.25 FIRST CUT (4000790)

12.40 COMEDY CENTRAL (1935239)

1.40 THE GOOD SEX GUIDE ... LATE (7346968)

2.45 CYBERCAFE (1471993)

3.10 HELTER SKELTER (7931968)

4.00 JOBFINDER (2640239)

5.20 ASIAN EYE (7227326)

As HTV West except:

12.25pm-12.30 ILLUMINATIONS (4028028)

12.55 CORONATION STREET (3900979)

1.55 CROSSWITS (29964931)

2.25 HOME AND AWAY (57212467)

2.55-3.20 GARDENERS' DIARY (1470221)

5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (7421689)

6.00-7.00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (61283)

10.30 WESTCOUNTRY NEWS (959134)

10.45 Film: TAGGET (27132979)

12.30am PROFILE (2213719)

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 CROSS WITS (4154370)

1.25 HOME AND AWAY (39710370)

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (24298757)

5.10 HOME AND AWAY (7421689)

6.00-7.00 MERIDIAN TONIGHT (61283)

10.45 COASTGUARD RESCUE (896825)

11.15 A406 (893738)

11.45 HUNTER (852641)

5.00am FREESCREEN (35516)

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 CROSS WITS (4154370)

1.25 HOME AND AWAY (39710370)

1.55 JUSTICE OF THE LAND (24298757)

5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7421689)

10.40 Film: SHORT SHARP SHOCKS (222592)

10.50 Film: SEE NO EVIL, HEAR NO EVIL (40157844)

6.30am THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ (35467) **7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST** (63738) **9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER** (43399) **9.30 YSGOLION** (561370) **12.00pm SESAME STREET** (63641) **1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN** (66825) **1.30 THE LIVING SEA** (83405) **2.00 A BLINK OF PARADISE** (64144047) **2.15 RACING FROM CHELTENHAM** (89584937) **4.30 DOSH** (196) **5.00 5 PUMP** (8080) **5.30 COUNTDOWN: THE SEARCH FOR THE SUPREME CHAMPION** (776) **6.00 NEWYDDION** (534370) **6.05 HENO** (653844) **6.35 SION A SIAN** (802283) **7.00 POBOL Y CWM** (953776) **7.25 TESTAMENT Y BEIBL WEDI'I ANIMEIDDIO** (128979) **8.00 CEFN GWLAD** (7592) **8.30 NEWYDDION** (3399) **9.00 GLAN HAFREN** (5080) **10.00 BROOKSIDE** (57592) **10.30 RORY BREMNER: WHO ELSE?** (721738) **11.10 TFI FRIDAY** (352912) **12.15am Film: A BUCKET OF BLOOD** (2020852) **1.25 Film: MYSTERY OF THE WAX MUSEUM** (6478790) **2.50 Film: REVENGE OF FRANKENSTEIN** (963719)

CHANNEL 4

6.30am THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ (35467)

7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (63738)

9.00 HERE'S ONE I MADE EARLIER Cookery (43399)

9.30 SCHOOLS: Eureka! 9.45 Stop Look Listen 10.00 Fourways Farm 10.10 TVM 10.25 Technology Prog 10.40 Off Limits 11.05 Robert Burns 11.20 Stage One 11.35 Schools at Work 11.40 How We Used to Live (r) (561370)

12.00 GARDEN DOCTORS (r) (Teletext) (s) (56863)

12.30pm LIFT OFF (r) (s) (84134)

1.00 SESAME STREET (89689)

2.00 A BLINK OF PARADISE (64144047)

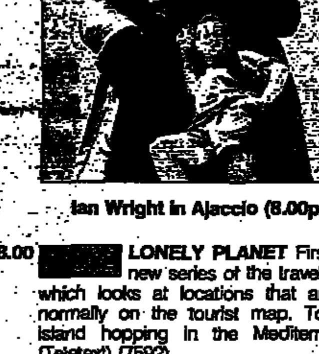
2.15 RACING from Cheltenham featuring the 2.25, 3.00, 3.35 and 4.05 races (89584937)

4.30 COUNTDOWN (Teletext) (s) (196) **5.00 TV DINNERS** (r) (Teletext) (8080) **5.30 OVER THE GARDEN WALL** (r) (Teletext) (776)

6.00 TFI FRIDAY Chris Evans interviews Melvyn Bragg (s) (69825)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (Teletext) (935196)

7.55 THE SLOT (278757)



Ian Wright in Ajaccio (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **LONELY PLANET** First in a new series of the travel show which looks at locations that are not normally on the tourist map. Tonight: island hopping in the Mediterranean (Teletext) (7592)

8.30 BROOKSIDE What is the mystery that has been unearthed at La Luz? (Teletext) (s) (3399)

9.00 CAROLINE IN THE CITY Things do not go quite as planned when Caroline and Del go to dinner with Annie and her new boyfriend (Teletext) (s) (4009)

9.30 FRIENDS Phoebe's romantic liaison with her sometime boyfriend is interrupted when she catches chicken pox. With guest appearances from Charlie Sheen and Tom Selleck (Teletext) (s) (64370)

10.00 FRASIER Niles and Frasier take opposing sides in a court battle over the competency of an eccentric millionaire. Featuring a guest appearance by Donald O'Connor (Teletext) (s) (57592)

10.30 RORY BREMNER — WHO ELSE? The guest is Susan Jameson (Teletext) (s) (721738)

11.10 TFI FRIDAY (r) (s) (352912)

12.15 FILM: A Bucket of Blood (b/w 1959) Horror comedy with Dick Miller. Directed by Roger Corman (2020852)

1.25am FILM: Mystery of the Wax Museum (b/w, 1933) with Lionel Atwill. Directed by Michael Curtiz (6478790)

2.50 FILM: The Revenge of Frankenstein (1958) with Peter Cushing. Directed by Terence Fisher (963719) Ends 4.25

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

7.00am Love Connection (3582) **7.20** Press Your Luck (3275735) **7.40** Jeopardy! (5529641) **8.10** Hotel (6612973) **9.00** Another World (5422092) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (1249216) **10.40** Real TV (7354047) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (9291328) **12.00** Geraldo (33047) **1.00pm** One to Three (90318) **3.00** Jenny Jones (33134) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (13841) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9931) **6.00** New Superman (12931) **7.00** Simpsons (1950) **7.30** MASH (4776) **8.00** Mad About You (7370) **8.30** Coppers (6405) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (59486) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (52573) **11.00** New Superman (96080) **12.00** Midnight Caller (77516) **1.00am** LAPD (52936) **1.30** Real TV (96734) **2.00** Hit Mix (21587)

SKY 2

7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (6090729) **8.00** Nowhere Man (1291737) **9.00** Mission Impossible (3279561) **10.00** Fire (1945680) **11.00** Late Show (2356467) **12.00 FILM: Dr Heckyl and Mr Hype** (9756784) **2.00am** Hit Mix (7144531)

SKY NEWS

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SKY MOVIES

6.20am Warlords of Atlantis (1978) (58616486) **8.00 Overboard (1978)** (94134) **10.00 The Hudsucker Proxy (1994)** (15028) **12.00 MacShayne: Winner Takes All (1994)** (54757) **2.00pm The Best Little Girl in the World (1981)** (43825) **4.00 The Neptune Factor (1973)** (2825) **6.00 The Hudsucker Proxy (1994)** (83689) **8.00 Pointman (1994)** (53134) **10.00 I Like It Like That (1990)** (317196) **11.50 City Cops (1995)** (325134) **1.25am See Jane Run (1994)** (4050702) **2.55 Revenge of the Nerds II: Nerds in Paradise (1987)** (3102653) **4.20 The Neptune Factor (1973)** (1990332)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

(77573) **8.30 The Polar Bear King (1992)** (97405) **10.00 Smiley Gets a Gun (1958)** (43270) **12.00 They Watch (1993)** (82399) **2.00pm Tension at Table Rock (1965)** (41467) **4.00 The Polar Bear King (1992)** (9757) **6.00 Beauty and the Bandit (1994)** (26315) **7.30 UK Top 10** (7435) **8.00 The River Wild (1994)** (66776) **10.00 Lady Killer (1995)** (72775) **11.30 Alien Nation: Dark Horizon (1995)** (373196) **1.05am The Programme (1993)** (324264) **3.00 She Stood Alone: The Tailhook Scandal (1995)** (35516) **4.30 Tension at Table Rock (1965)** (23381)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Railway Children (1970) (8245592) **6.00 The Big Bus (1976)** (2572196) **8.00 The Three Musketeers (1974)** (2597641) **10.00 Blind Fury (1989)** (7587979) **11.30 Nine and a Half Weeks (1985)** (7945080) **1.30am Horror of Frankenstein (1970)** (2628429) **3.10-4.25 The Circus (1928)** (21740603)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm.
6.00am Mouse Tracks (6850115) **6.25** Goof Troop (6862950) **6.50** Bonkers (6324554) **7.15** Darkwing Duck (9206931) **7.40** Aladdin (3023028) **8.05** Goof Troop (2157888) **8.30** Timon and Pumbaa (2905009) **8.40** Bonkers (2726757) **9.05** Mouse Tracks (6067912) **9.30** Big Garage (7553196) **9.45** Chip 'n' Dale Rescue Rangers (1493689) **10.15** Muppet Babies (8154912) **10.40** Adventures in Wonderland (2001009) **11.10** Quack Pack (7226283) **11.40** Under the Umbrella Tree (9205931) **12.10pm** Pinky and Perky (6246863) **12.35** Lambchop's Play Along (2398739) **1.05** Mouse Tracks (22455009) **1.30** Aladdin (1634370) **1.55** Darkwing Duck (4968592) **2.30** Groundling Marsh (4407221) **2.50** Quack Attack (7740047) **3.20** Mouse Tracks (7536641) **3.50** Bonkers (1030912) **4.15** Goof Troop (7255047) **4.35** Darkwing Duck (7930115) **5.00** Aladdin (1555196) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (9652641) **5.35** Bonkers (5217757) **6.00** Sky Trackers (4950) **6.30** Friday Frenzy (60202) **8.00 FILM: Young Again** (78221) **9.30-10.00** Home Improvement (23196)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (63776) **7.30** Wrestling (37979) **8.30** Racing News (80979) **9.00** Sports Centre (64911) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (51467) **12.30pm** Tight Lines (96221) **1.30** World of Sailing (89009) **2.00** Sailing: Round Britain Challenge (3405) **2.30** Scottish League Football (20757) **4.30** Futbol Mundial (9863) **5.00** Netbusters (47571) **5.30** World Sport Special (5365) **6.00** Sports Centre (97757) **7.00** Live FA Cup Football (342467) **10.00** Sports Centre (98399) **11.00** Hold the Back Page (49196) **12.00** FA Cup Football (39326) **2.00am** Wrestling (41974) **3.00** Sports Centre (55264) **4.00-5.00** Hold the Back Page (83535)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm The Rugby Club (4903931) **9.00** NHL Power Week (4990467) **10.00** Wrestling (4993554) **11.00** Big League Classics (2424825) **11.30-1.00am** Cue Masters (5924196)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 US Open Surfing (25185592) **1.00pm** Football League Review (55317047) **2.30** World Sport (10716047) **3.00** Tight Lines (50270844) **4.00** Sanaro Cup (36206009) **6.00** US Open Surfing (25181776) **7.00** Trans World Sport (38602080) **8.00** Asian Golf Show (38629028) **9.00** Cricket: Sahara Cup (38621115) **11.00-12.00** Muscle Night (88666298)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Sailing (77979) **8.00** Tennis (76776) **8.30** Triathlon (37221) **9.30** IndyCar (90776) **11.00** Sportscar (53399) **12.00** Car Racing (86641) **1.00pm** International Motorsports Report (43913) **2.00** Rally Raid (15738) **3.00** Motorcycling (77315) **4.00** Motorcycling (56825) **5.00** Supercross (1660) **6.00** Touring Car (82925) **7.00** Truck Racing (84196) **8.00** Live Tennis (97660) **10.00** Sumo (83467) **11.00** Tractor Pulling (67592) **12.00-12.30** Four-Wheels (21210)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am Runway (8700370) **6.30** Tickle on the Tum (6533086) **6.45** Time for a Story (7781059) **7.00** Airports (2562283) **7.15** Tickle on the Tum (6613486) **7.30** Catwalk (8530432) **8.00** Classic Coronation Street (1554028) **8.30** Runway (1553399) **9.00** Families (1577979) **9.30** Albion Market (5675660) **10.00** What the Papers Say (3123592) **10.20** The Day (9684009) **10.30** Nearest and Dearest (1566863) **11.00** Stolen (6537252) **12.00** Smith (8435288) **1.30** Families (5685047) **2.00** This Year, Next Year (7420202) **3.00** Nearest and Dearest (7528047) **3.30** What the Papers Say (75156028) **3.50** The Day (57598757) **4.00** Stolen (1835009) **5.00** Mapp and Lucia (7519399) **6.00** Classic Coronation Street (7005738) **6.30** Families (7029318) **7.00** The Dustbinmen (7510028) **7.30** Scully (7018202) **8.00** XYY Man (6057283) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (5430592) **9.35** The Good Life Guide (1428283) **10.00-11.00** Stolen (6370134)
From 11.00pm-2.00am Men and Motors

Paul Newman in *The Hudsucker Proxy* (Sky Movies, 6.00pm)

GRANADA GOOD LIFE

From 6.00am-9.00 TV High Street. Includes consumer news and features, and Your Stars presented by Russell Grant
From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine. Includes recipes and ideas from Delia Smith
From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty. Includes Natural Health
From 3.00-6.00 Home and Garden. Includes The Good Life Style Guide

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography: Adam & Eve (2423196) **5.00** Ancient Mysteries (2280028) **6.00**

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic series every day from 9pm-4am Monday to Wednesday and 1am-4am Thursday to Sunday on satellite, and from 8am-4am every day on cable.
1.00am The Twilight Zone (8902264) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (2987516) **2.00** New Alfred Hitchcock (5817852) **2.30** Night Gallery (5909987) **3.00** Friday the 13th (37327841) **3.55-4.00** Quark (34940142)

TLC/DISCOVERY

9.00am The Joy of Painting (1016221) **9.30** Gardeners' Diary (7955757) **10.00** Go Fishing (2462370) **10.30** House Style (1012405) **11.00** Homemaker (8161370) **11.30** Craftwise (8179309) **12.00** Julia Child (1003757) **12.30pm** Graham Kerr (3355793) **1.00** Yan Can Cook (5204216) **1.30** Home Again with Bob Vila (4705234) **2.00** Furniture to Go (2034009) **2.30** Secret Gardens (8307738) **3.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (2046844) **3.30-4.00** The Old House, with Steve and Norm (8302283)
DISCOVERY takes over at 4.00pm.
4.00pm Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (8321318) **4.30** Driving Passions (6310202) (8400842) **7.00** Next Step (2038825) **7.30** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious Universe (8311931) **8.00** Natural Born Killers (5397844) **9.00** Justice Files (5377080) **10.00** Classic Wheels (5387467) **11.00** Lindbergh (8559383) **12.00** The Professionals (1353177) **1.00am** High Five (1405061) **1.30-2.00** Lifeboat (2700500)

UK GOLD

7.00am Going for Gold (2619399) **7.35** Crossroads (4698554) **8.00** Neighbours (2093221) **8.25** EastEnders (2271486) **9.00** The Bill (1025979) **9.30** Colditz (7219844) **10.30** The Sullivans (1014863) **11.00** The Onedin Line (7004298) **12.00** Crossroads (35054757) **12.25pm** Neighbours (35057844) **12.55** EastEnders (3829115) **1.30** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (9020134) **2.15** After the Show (34716318) **2.30** Singer's Day (8309196) **3.00** Sale of the Century (2048202) **3.30** The Bill (8304641) **4.00** Howards' Way (8154080) **5.00** EastEnders (1847202) **5.35** Crossroads (3348115) **6.00** It's a Knockout (15980931) **7.05** Bob's Full House (5100757) **7.45** The Best of Top of the Pops (3465216) **8.25** Ever Decreasing Circles (8085738) **9.00** Casualty (5386738) **10.00** The Bill (6909757) **10.35** Men Behaving Badly (6579554) **11.10** Live at Jongleurs (5027115) **11.40** Miami Vice (4134757) **12.30am FILM: A Bullet for the General** (8529581) **2.30** Shopping (1196061)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (6849009) **6.20** Meltdown (6843825) **6.45** Halfway Across the Galaxy (477689) **7.15** Ready or Not (467202) **7.45** California Dreams (486573) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (971080) **8.45** Art Attack (7084689) **9.00** Tiny and Crew (8031689) **9.20** Brum (8011825) **9.40** Johnson and Friends (5361196) **10.00** Robin and Rosie (8188979) **10.20** Philbert the Frog (3796776) **10.40** Charlie Chalk (7295738) **11.00** Dinobabies (14863) **11.30** Animal Show (15592) **12.00** Barney (11863) **12.30pm** Where's Wally? (49134) **1.00** Casper and Friends (38115) **1.30** Tiny and Crew (61897844) **1.55** Johnson and Friends (13532776) **2.20** Bump (10452028) **2.40** Mr Benn (5437912) **3.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy (6825) **3.30** Ready or Not (8912) **4.00** California Dreams (7047) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (6931)

NICKELODEON

7.00 Rocko's Modern Life (7566080) **7.15** Hey Arnold (4965028) **7.30** Rugrats (40825) **8.00** Doug (72950) **8.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (71221) **9.00** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (52573) **9.30** Wishbone (99432) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (5331660) **10.10** Katie and Orbie (5611318) **10.35** Mr Men (9089009) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (9092573) **11.00** BBC Block (59573) **12.00** Clarissa Explains It All (59009) **12.30pm** Sister Sister (70080) **1.00** Barber (60689) **1.30** Katie and Orbie (18979) **2.00** Little Bear Stories (1047) **2.30** BBC Block (83486) **3.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (9486) **4.00** Insektors (5912775) **4.15** Technick (8362498) **4.30** Rugrats (1239592) **4.45** Doug (1234047) **5.00** Sister Sister (2309) **5.30** Moesha (8757) **6.00** Round the Twist (8370) **6.30-7.00** Sussed! (2950) **7.00** Close (5863)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Diff'rent Strokes (5863) **7.30** Benson (8134) **8.00** Due South (93738) **9.00** Almost Perfect (58283) **9.30** Taxi (90844) **10.00** Entertainment Tonight (50738) **10.30** Flying Blind (89486) **11.00** Barry Welsh is Coming (60028) **11.30** Nightstand (92554) **12.30am** Sledgehammer (95806) **1.00** Due South (45055) **2.00** Entertainment Tonight (72697) **2.30** Barry Welsh Is Coming (57932) **3.00** Flying Blind (68500) **3.30-4.00** Almost Perfect (75784)

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (4428404) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (4905432) **2.00** Return of the Saint (2467825) **3.00** The Champions (8160541) **4.00 FILM: The Outside Man** (2044486) **6.00** Joe 90 (8328221) **6.30** Captain Scarlet (8319573) **7.00** The Water Margin (5309950) **8.00** Starsky and Hutch (5384370) **9.00** Crime Story (5304134) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Horror Express** (8169912)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (6750405) **6.55** Super Fresco Fabulosious (46305047) **7.00** The Agony Experience (4565405) **7.30** The Young and the Restless (6876757) **8.20** A Taste of Wales (5223202) **8.55** Turnabout (7690689) **9.35** Call the Doctor (7086450) **10.00** Super Fresco Fabulosious (3387080) **10.05** The Jerry Springer Show (7186979) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (8969979) **11.55** Food and Drink (10233496) **12.25pm** Trivial Pursuit ence (4155486) **3.00** Live at Three (6401775) **4.00** Who's Sorry Now? (4146738) **4.30** Talkabout (9482318) **5.05** Lingo (92313399) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (4159202) **6.00** Bewitched (4158115) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (6336931) **7.05** The New Mr and Mrs Show (4032115) **7.35** Super Fresco Fabulosious (2056738) **7.40** Trivial Pursuit (9912554) **8.00** General Practice (2581467) **9.00 FILM: A Whisper Kills** (2594554) **11.00-12.00** The Erogenous Zone (4541825)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Blockbusters (1370) **5.30** Treasure Hunt (87825) **6.30** Catchphrase (8776) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (1134) **7.30** Hart to Hart (25660) **8.30** Rising Damp (6689) **9.00** Bergerac (22370) **10.00** Ruth Rendell Mysteries: An Unwanted Woman (32757) **11.00** Rising Damp (20824) **11.30** Evening Shade (10221) **12.00** Moonlighting (77500) **1.00am** Bergerac (63429) **2.00** Hart to Hart (86332) **3.00** Moonlighting (99622) **4.00** All Together Now (32121) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (40055)

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ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** Life Style East **8.30** Campus **9.00** Shri Krishna **9.30** Chehre **10.00** Haaretan **10.30** Kachwa - Aur Khargosh **11.00** Cookery Programme: Zaike Ka Safar **11.30** Tan Bhi Chup Man Bhi Chup **12.00** Andaz **12.30pm** Intezaar **1.00** Tamil FILM: Neethi **4.00** Mere Saath Chal **4.30** Sona Chandi **5.00** Zee Zone **5.30** Zee Presents **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** BBCD **7.30** Aahas **8.00** News and Euronews **8.30** UK Antakshari **9.00-12.00** Hit Star Session — Mumtaz: Jheel Ke Us Paar

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below.
8.00pm WCW Nitro: Where the Big Boys Play! (38619370) **9.00 How to Steal the World** (1968) (38628757) **11.00 Where the Spies Are** (1965) (55102950) **1.00am**

CRICKET 42
Testing times for Silverwood as fast lane beckons

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Bates bows out in second round at Telford

Recall for former stand-off half

Wales invite Davies back into the fold

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

EIGHT years and a distinguished rugby league career have come and gone since Jonathan Davies last graced the red of the Wales rugby union team, but, yesterday, he was included in the squad from which the XV to play Australia at the National Stadium on December 1 will be chosen.

Some may consider that, at 34, the selectors are looking back rather than forward in giving Davies, the Cardiff stand-off half, a place among the 26 players, most of whom will surely go forward to the meeting with South Africa a fortnight later. However, if Australia can field David Knox, 33, at stand-off for his positive virtues in bringing out the talents of others, why should not Wales now that Davies commands a regular place in the Cardiff team?

Inclusion in the squad does not necessarily mean that Davies will add to his 27 caps, the last of them won in defeat against Romania in 1988, a month before he signed professional forms for Widnes. The cynical will suggest that his possible presence may put a few more thousand on the gate; the more technically minded may perceive him as a beneficial influence on the back division, particularly since Alan Lewis, the backs coach, resigned last month.

Davies will go to Dubai next Monday for the World Cup sevens qualifying tournament, where the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) hopes that his influence will have a good effect on some talented youngsters. He also has coaching aspirations that will be encouraged by his present circumstances.

Yet there is no doubt that Davies yearns for a brief flirtation with international rugby union once more and he has spoken warmly of perhaps touring with the British Isles next summer — the one honour that eluded him during his earlier career with Neath, Llanelli and Wales. "There are three stand-offs in the squad, but I've got a chance of playing, which is more than if I were not in the squad," he said.

"I still think I have something to offer as a player. I felt all along that, if I was going to make an impression on my return, then I would have to be in the Welsh squad." That, initially, seemed unlikely when he joined Cardiff from Warrington a year ago only to find it hard to establish a place in the side: in addition, concerns over the health of his wife, Karen, has taken its toll.

However, this season, Davies has settled into his stride as playmaker and points-scorer for Cardiff. Only a rib injury suffered against Munster in the Heineken Cup last month set him back, though he has recovered in time for the cup quarter-final against Bath in Cardiff tomorrow.

Gerald Davies 45

"It was slightly disappointing to see the rest of the rugby league boys coming home and getting into the squad when I was missing out," Davies said, referring to the introduction of Scott Gibbs, Richard Webster, David Young and Stuart Evans earlier this season. Gibbs became the first of them to recover an international place, against Italy in Rome last month, while Young and Webster, both of whom ooze the quality of mental hardness that Bowring seeks from his team, must be close to places against Australia.

Davies: eight-year absence

"Jonathan has started to string some notable performances together, playing with control and impressive decision-making," Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, said. "We need more of that and, now that he has started to put these qualities together, I am looking forward to seeing him as part of the squad."

Indeed, it may be said that there is little point in having Davies in the squad if he is not to play, but Bowring is acutely aware of the new rule regarding the tactical use of substitutes and a place among the replacements for Davies may be intended since he can cover not only stand-off but centre and full back.

He is joined in the squad by Colin Charvis, the uncapped Swansea back-row forward, whose form this season has been outstanding, and Craig Quinnell, capped against Fiji last season. Quinnell moved to Richmond during the summer, where he has been joined from Wigan by his older brother, Scott. However, Scott Quinnell remains in dispute with the WRU over contracts for players based outside Wales.

"I'm as much in the dark regarding Scott as anyone," Terry Cobner, the WRU director of rugby, said. "I have tried to get hold of Mike Burton [Quinnell's agent] this week, but without success. We have explored every avenue that seems available to us."

WALES SQUAD: Backs: W Proctor (Llanelli), J Thomas (Cardiff), I Evans (Llanelli), D James (Bridgend), G Thomas (Bridgend), S Gibbs (Swansea), L Davies (Cardiff), N Jenkins (Pontypridd), A Thomas (Swansea), J Davies (Cardiff), R Howley (Cardiff), P John (Pontypridd). Forwards: C Loader (Swansea), J Davies (Neath), D Young (Cardiff), L Mustoe (Cardiff), J Humphreys (Cardiff), G Jenkins (Swansea), G O Llewellyn (Harlequins), D Jones (Cardiff), C Quinnell (Richmond), H Taylor (Cardiff), R Webster (Bath), K Jones (Ebbw Vale), C Charvis (Swansea), S Williams (Neath).

Hill's Ligier is taken away for repair after his 70mph accident at Suzuka yesterday; he was unhurt. Photograph: Eriko Sugita

Hill catches cold after promising start

By Oliver Holt

DAMON HILL was speaking from Osaka, from a hotel built on a man-made island near the new airport where the packed earth is shifting almost as quickly as the fortunes of a Formula One driver. He was explaining what had gone wrong at Suzuka yesterday on the first day of the rest of his professional life.

It was not quite the return that he had been hoping for. His first visit to the circuit since he won the drivers' world championship there last month, his first time behind the wheel of a grand prix car since he leapt out of a Williams-Renault that day and rushed over to hug his wife, Georgie, had ended in an embarrassing premature departure.

The crash, that forced the abrupt cancellation of the second day of a test planned to familiarise him with the Bridgestone tyres that his new Arrows team will use next season, left his car shattered but his sense of humour intact. "We had to stop because there was a small problem with the right-hand side of the car," he said. "Basically, it was not there any more."

Hill, driving in a Ligier because he is too tall to fit in the 1996 Arrows, lost control as he tried to negotiate the hairpin at the Japanese circuit on cold tyres. He spun into a concrete wall at about 70mph and then rebounded across the track, with tyres and debris flying into the air, before the car came to rest on a grassy run-off area.

"With cold tyres on a cold track, there was very little grip and the car spun a long way," Hill said. "It hit the wall hard, which accounted for all the damage. It was a real shame because we were making such good progress." He was shaken but not hurt.

The Ligier, the only one that had been taken to the session, was too badly damaged to be repaired at the circuit so Hill, 36, checked out of his hotel and endured a four-hour journey to Osaka courtesy of an over-cautious taxi driver. He will fly home to Dublin today. He is not likely to drive again until the 1997 Arrows is unveiled some time in early January.

The accident was an incongruous end to what had, until then, been a startling performance by Hill. In the 30 laps that he managed before his accident, Hill wrestled the two-year-old car round the circuit more than a second and a half quicker than it had ever been before there.

Hill: enthusiastic

His fastest lap of 1min 40.1sec was only eight tenths of a second slower than the time that he set to qualify his Williams-Renault second on the grid for the Japanese Grand Prix last month. His time yesterday would have given him fourth place on the grid. It was the first indication that there may indeed be life after Williams for a driver whose reputation has hitherto been haunted by the excellence of his equipment.

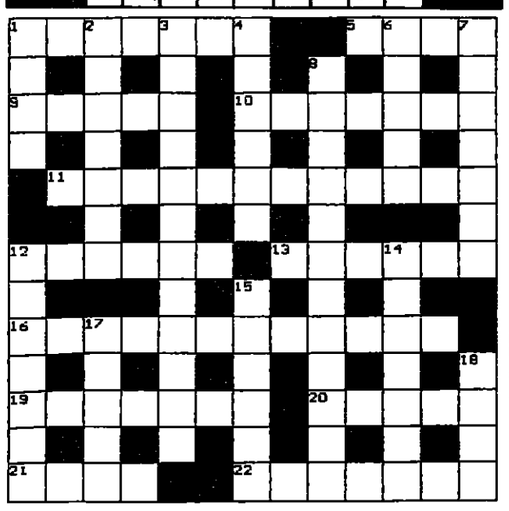
"In spite of the accident, I really feel it was very worthwhile coming here to experience my first test with Bridgestone," Hill said. "If this short experience is anything to go by, I think it is going to be an extremely productive year.

"The first problem about being in a new team is trying to remember everybody's names, but I should get on top of that soon. The thing I can say is that there is certainly added excitement to a change of environment. I spent six years at Williams and too much familiarity can be a bad thing.

"There is a lot of enthusiasm here and it felt very good to be back in the car again. It reminded me of why I do it; I got a real kick out of it. I am not under any illusions about next year. It is going to be a while before we get where we want to be, but there is no question that, however sceptical you might be, you cannot argue with today's lap times. It was certainly very encouraging.

"I get a good feeling working with the team and talking to the team, and there is a lot of excitement about the upcoming season. I am really keen to see the new car when it comes out in January."

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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19 One arguing a case (7)
20 Sloping edge (timber) (5)
21 Stink (4)
22 Directed (7)

DOWN
1 African country, capital Lomé (4)
2 Great skill, courage (7)
3 British republic once (12)
4 Swift's flying island (6)
6 Thrust forward (5)
7 Written by someone else (7)
8 Forming total barrier (12)
12 Clincher (7)
14 Trembling (7)
15 Clothes: avoids centre of (6)
17 Illustrious, superior (5)
18 Dressed (in) (4)

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England call in Botham as coach

By Michael Henderson

IAN BOTHAM, rebuffed as a bowling coach earlier this year by Raymond Illingworth, will assist the England cricketers on tour this winter. Botham, 40, will be in Zimbabwe and New Zealand as a summariser for BSkyB.

David Lloyd, the England coach, approached him to work with the quicker bowlers, so that John Emburey, the assistant coach on tour, can spend more time with Phil Tufnell and Robert Croft, the spinners. Most of all, it is simply to get Botham involved with the national team.

As England's most successful bowler, with 376 Test wickets, Botham enjoyed the highest of profiles after his international debut in 1977. Since retiring from the game in 1993, he has retained his prominent public image on television, on stage and as an all-round hero. Privately, he has forged relationships within the England dressing room and Michael Atherton, the captain, is known to be a supporter.

When Lloyd talked of using Botham back in April, Illingworth, who was then the team manager, instructed him to get on with the job without any interference. Now that Illingworth has retired, Lloyd evidently feels that it is time to call on a man who will always be loved by cricket followers. Botham was the greatest English all-rounder in recent times, and probably the greatest ever.

Lloyd said: "I have wanted Ian to be involved with us for some time. This winter we will be using his technical skills — Ian is very happy to be asked — and the invitation has come from me. I have been mates with him for a long time and this is a personal arrangement."

With Emburey and Botham installed as coaches, and Lloyd in overall charge, England have a coaching set-up closer in age and interests to the players. There was a feeling that Peter Lever and John Edrich, who were appointed by Illingworth, were detached from the modern game. That can hardly be a charged levelled at Botham, who last played Test cricket in 1992, or at Emburey, who played against West Indies last year.

Botham: new role

England leave for their 14-week tour on November 25, and Botham is expected in Zimbabwe shortly before the first of two Tests against Zimbabwe either side of Christmas. England then play three Tests in New Zealand in

Collymore move remains on hold

By Richard Hobson and Russell Kempson

THE increasingly public saga of Stan Collymore's expected departure from Liverpool continued yesterday when Aston Villa dismissed reports that he would be unveiled as a £6 million signing today. Instead, Brian Little, the manager, will accompany Mark Bosnich, his goalkeeper, to a Football Association disciplinary hearing at Lancaster Gate to consider his Nazi-style gesture to Tottenham Hotspur supporters during a game last month.

Liverpool turned down a £4.5 million bid for Collymore from Villa earlier in the week, but Little is likely to increase his offer within the next seven days, by which time he wants to have completed the prolonged transfer of Savo Milosevic to Perugia, the Italian club. "It is difficult to comment publicly," Little said. "In situations like this, I would tend to go on the defensive and not talk about conversations with other managers."

Collymore, 25, has brought a stream of publicity to Liverpool since his £8.5 million move from Nottingham Forest in July last year.

Within the past ten days, he has been fined £20,000 for refusing to play for the reserves and prompted an internal club inquiry after allegedly making obscene gestures to the press box when he scored against Sheffield Wednesday reserves last Saturday. Though cleared, it was another example of the way that trouble follows Collymore, a talented but wayward striker.

Evans said: "There are stories on a daily basis. If anything is going to happen, my life here is good. I am concerned first, not the press." It is not too difficult to interpret those words as a man paving the way for Collymore's release.

While Little is becoming frustrated at the delay over Milosevic, he still believes that the clubs will eventually agree acceptable terms of payment of the £4.5 million fee.

Juninho, the Middlesbrough forward, has promised to honour his contract at the FA Carling Premiership club. However, the future of Emerson, Middlesbrough's second remaining Brazilian, is still clouded. He has yet to reappear at the Riverside Stadium after returning home to Rio de Janeiro during the break in the Premiership programme.

Reports from Brazil suggest that Emerson is visiting a sick relative and that, anyway, he will not be flying back to Teesside because his wife, Andrea, cannot settle in the area. He moved to England during the summer from FC Porto for £4 million and signed a four-year deal.

"I'm told his auntie took ill and he's gone to see her," Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said yesterday. "I don't know much more about what's happening. As soon as I do, I'll let you know." Middlesbrough have already jettisoned Branco, their third Brazilian, who was released last month.

Juninho, at least, has no desire to leave. "I have two more years to go and I want to stay," he said. "Although it is different for Emerson, because of his family problems, my life here is good. I am

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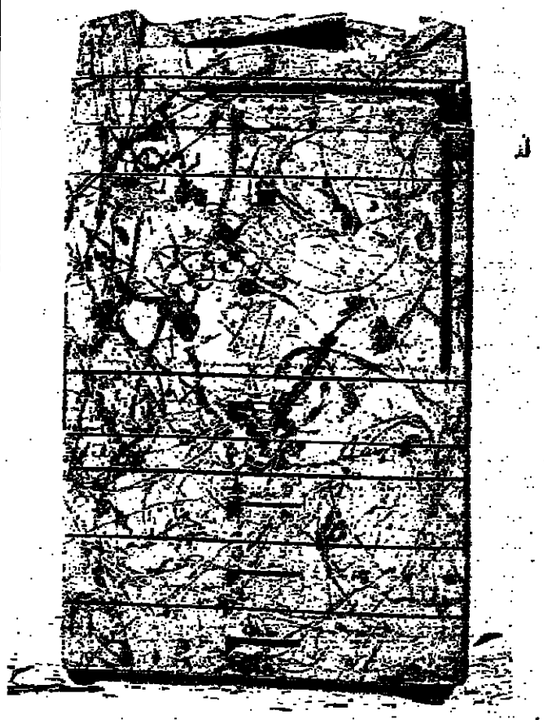

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